

## SECTION .0900 – PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATIONS FOR FIRE DISTRICTS

### 11 NCAC 05A .0901 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Subchapter:

- (1) "9S Inspection" means an inspection conducted by the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Section in order to receive a public protection classification rating.
- (2) "Automatic Aid" means assistance dispatched automatically by contractual agreement between two communities or fire districts to all structure fires.
- (3) "Eligible Firefighter" means all persons 18 years of age or older who are firefighters as defined by G.S. 58-86-2.
- (4) "Engine" means a motorized vehicle meeting the requirements of NFPA 1901, "Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus."
- (5) "Fire Department" means an organization established or organized under applicable State and local laws, for the purpose of limiting, reducing, or preventing damage or personal injury caused by fire or other emergency.
- (6) "Fire Districts" or "Insurance Districts" means an area within a city, town, municipality, or county that is established in order to provide fire prevention and fire suppression services.
- (7) "Fire Station" means a building for the housing of fire department apparatus and personnel.
- (8) "Gallons Per Minute" or "GPM" means the volume of water flow from a hose, hydrant, or other fire suppression apparatus.
- (9) "Pounds Per Square Inch" or "PSI" means the pressure a gas or liquid exerts on the walls of its container.
- (10) "Public Protection Classification" or "PPC" means a rating given to fire districts or insurance districts throughout the State on their ability to provide fire prevention and fire suppression services to affected areas within its jurisdictional boundaries.
- (11) "Road Miles" are the miles that a fire apparatus will travel from a fire station to an emergency scene.
- (12) "Rural Fire District" means a fire district that is outside the jurisdictional boundaries of a city, town or municipality and is established pursuant to G.S. Chapter 69, Article 3A or G.S. Chapter 153A, Article 11.
- (13) "Structure Fire" means a condition where an actual monetary loss or physical damage has occurred to a building or constructed area, due to the result of a fire.
- (14) "Tanker" means a fire truck/engine designed to carry water to fires, whether equipped with or without a pump to dispense the water.

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