



## **Parker County Emergency Services District 1**

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On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Parker County ESD 1 officials met with the ISO (Insurance Services Office) to provide data supporting updated Public Protection Class Ratings (PPC) for the ESD 1 area. A PPC rating is established on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the best. Most areas within ESD 1 are a 7 or 8 rating, save the City of Springtown which is a 3. ESD 1 hired MP Consulting to assist with the ISO project in the fall of 2013, and has since implemented several initiatives to achieve the improved ratings. These include; Increased staffing of full time and part time firefighters, the purchase of four new fire engines with Compressed Air Foam Systems, acquisition of one additional tanker truck, and enhanced volunteer training credits. Given that the size of ESD 1 is over 265 square miles and multiple communities, data assembled for the PPC ratings was divided into eleven different publications to maximize the credit for each incorporated city, and the various unincorporated areas. Very significant improvements of the PPC rating are expected in the Cities of Aledo and Annetta, where fire hydrants and municipal water supplies are available. The City of Annetta South, part of Annetta North, and a vast unincorporated area around the Springtown, Aledo, Peaster, Silver Creek, and LaJunta communities will also see improved ratings based on a “hauled water supply study” utilizing the fleet of fire tanker trucks. Any location more than five miles from a fire station is rated as a 10. The new fire station planned in Annetta South will extend the improved ratings to the Annetta South community, and several other subdivisions along the FM 5 corridor.

The ISO will process the data provided by ESD 1, and should publish the updated ratings in March. If assigned as expected, the ratings will then be officially issued by the Texas State Fire Marshalls Office and available to the consumer this summer. Depending on the insurance provider, and location within the fire district, residents and commercial occupancies could see as much as a twenty-five percent savings on their insurance premium.

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