

WHITSETT FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
P. O. BOX 148
WHITSETT, N. C. 27377

July 1, 2000

To: All Residents of Fire District 31,
Whitsett Volunteer Fire Department

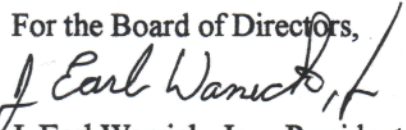
We are extremely proud to inform you of a significant milestone in our efforts to provide the best fire protection to the Whitsett Community.

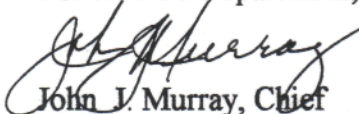
Based on inspection and testing of all aspects of our department by the Department of Insurance and Insurance Services Office, our Fire Protection rating has been improved from Class 9 to Class 6. The new rating will be effective August 1, 2000.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER?

This rating should result in substantial savings in your homeowner's insurance rate. We urge you to contact your insurance representative as soon as possible. They can confirm our new rating through the Department of Insurance in Raleigh, N. C.

However, our new rating is not permanent as the department is subject to periodic inspection and testing. With your continued support and the dedication of your volunteer firefighters, we are confident that we can retain this favorable rating.

For the Board of Directors,

J. Earl Warrick, Jr., President

For the Fire Department,

John I. Murray, Chief