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NEW FIRE STATIONS TO REDUCE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The Lexington County Fire Service has opened two new fire stations: the Cedar Grove Fire Station is located at 134 Cedar Grove Road, Leesville and the Corley Mill Fire Station is located at 121 Riverchase Way, Lexington. These new stations may significantly reduce insurance premiums to property owners within five miles of the new stations.

Chief Bruce Rucker said "Lexington County Fire Service has received official notification from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that the new Cedar Grove Fire Station (Station 29) and Corley Mill Fire Station (Station 30) will have an ISO classification of 7 effective October 1, 2008." Many property/casualty insurance companies use this classification provided by ISO to determine your fire insurance rating. Fire departments are evaluated by ISO on many variables to determine the rating. According to Rucker this places over 99% of Lexington County within five miles of a responding fire station.

According to Rucker, "the new Class 7 applies to properties within five road miles of a responding fire station." All other properties outside of five miles from a responding fire station will continue to be a Class 10. These stations new ISO rating will appear in the ISO publication and mapping effective October 1, 2008.

If property within five miles of one of these new stations is currently being rated at a Class 10, homeowners should see a significant decrease in their insurance premium. Homeowners affected by the reduced ISO rating can contact their insurance representative to confirm their new classification.

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