
PROTECTION CLASS 9 COMMUNITY

MINIMUM CRITERIA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

There shall be an organized fire department with a minimum of 4 firefighters assigned to each recognized station in the district. Each firefighter assigned to a given station shall reside within 5 road miles of that station.

TRAINING

The department shall conduct a minimum of two hours of fire suppression training every two months.

FIRE STATION

Apparatus shall be kept in a heated building to provide protection from weather.

EQUIPMENT

Each fire station shall have an apparatus equipped with a booster pump capable of delivering 50 gpm or more at 150 psi. The booster tank shall be a minimum of 300-gallon capacity. Each apparatus shall carry the equipment listed below.

FIRE REPORTING AND ALERTING SYSTEM

There shall be some means established to report a fire and to ensure that there is no delay in the receipt of alarms and the dispatch of fire fighters and apparatus. Enhanced-911 is the standard in Washington State for telephone notification.

NOTE: Buildings in the community must be within 5 road miles of a responding, recognized fire station in order to rated with a Protection Class 9. If a building does not meet these requirements a worse Protection Class will apply to the building.

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT THAT SHALL BE CARRIED ON EACH UNIT

- Two 150-foot lengths of 1-inch booster line or a larger diameter preconnected hose, each with a nozzle capable of discharging either a straight stream or spray
- Two portable fire extinguishers suitable for use on Class A, B, and C fires
- One 14-foot roof ladder with hooks and one 24-foot extension ladder
- One pickhead axe
- One pike pole
- One bolt cutter
- One crow bar
- Two portable hand lights
- 20-foot hard suction hose and suction strainer
- One first aid kit
- Wrenches and adapters for hose connections