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TO: Sue Moran Administrator Tierra Grande Improvement Association

FROM: Jason Gonzales Chief Rio Grande Estates Fire Department (RGEFD)

Subject: RGEFD Fire insurance rating and residential fire insurance cost.

The RGEFD reports to the Valencia County Emergency Services Department, and has first responder responsibility for fire and rescue services for the Southeaster portion of Valencia County.

RGEFD operates two main stations, 1 in Rio Communities and 1 in Tierra Grande. Both stations are staffed by volunteers, contain fire and rescue apparatus and have an Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating of 5 (10 is the worst, 1 is the best). ISO ratings reflect fire department effectiveness, training and performance.

Fire insurance rates in Tierra Grande should reflect an ISO rating of ⁴5, which is a very good rating. Unfortunately, not all insurance companies use ISO ratings as a primary cost determinate for fire insurance pricing.

Because of this, RGEFD encourages all residence to obtain the best insurance value by comparing fire insurance rates from multiple companies.

Several home safety practices are provided on the back of the page.

Respectfully,

Jason Gonzales
Chief RGEFD
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Helping Your Fire Department Help You

- Use Common Sense - ????
- Post your address clearly - 4" or 6" reflective numbers / letters in a visible area near the front of your property where it can be seen from the street.
- Provide a defensible space - Keep a clear area of 50 feet around your home, remove all weeds and yard rubbish.
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors - Test these devices at least monthly and change the batteries TWICE yearly and as needed. We suggest changing your batteries when there is a time change for daylight savings time.
- Clear the clutter in your home – Tame the pack rat within.
- Safe storage of flammables / combustibles and ammunitions – It is best to place these in cabinets designed for their storage.
- Prevention of electrical fires – Do not overload outlets and be extremely careful when using extension cords. Do not bypass safety devices – i.e.: fuses, breakers, ground plugs and electric meters.
- Prevention of candle fires – Place them in a completely fire safe area and extinguish them before you leave or go to bed.
- Vial of life - These are usually kept in the refrigerator, on the door with a prominent label on the front door or refrigerator door. Prepare a document that lists all medications, allergies and medical history. Update the document frequently. Include your doctor's contact information, hospital preference, insurance information and emergency contact names and numbers. Keep several copies so you can hand one to both Rescue and Ambulance crews.
- I.C.E, (In case of emergency) – Consider programming this into your cell phone and posting on your refrigerator door.
- Call to burn - Burning household trash and "burn barrels" are not allowed in Valencia County. Please call Valencia County Central Dispatch at 866-2460 to confirm that it is a burn day. Call and advise them when you start your burn and when you have finished the burn. The established burn hours are from 10am to 4pm. Please schedule an appointment for a fire department stand by if you have a large burn.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.