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NOTICE TO STAFFORD COUNTY BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

Subject: **ISO Public Protection Classification for Stafford County – Effective 10/16/2008**

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) identified an updated Public Protection Classification for Stafford County, Virginia. ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators and others by providing information about risk. ISO's expert staff collects information about municipal fire suppression efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) – a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria. ISO's PPC program evaluates communities according to uniform criteria regarding: 1) Communication and Dispatching, 2) Fire Department Readiness, and 3) Water Supply System Conditions.

In October of 2008, ISO established the latest PPC rating for Stafford County at a Class 5/9 level.

This "split" classification applies the rating of "5" to properties within 5-road miles of a recognized fire station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or alternate water supply. The rating of "9" then applies to most all other properties in Stafford County. For questions regarding Stafford County's rating or information about how the rating is determined, please visit <http://www.isomitigation.com/> or contact the Insurance Services Office at 1-800-888-4476.

Sincerely,

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