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## SeaTac Improves WSRB Rating

**SeaTac, Wash. - August 31, 2016-** The City of SeaTac and the Kent Regional Fire Authority are proud to announce that the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau has improved the SeaTac's protection class from Class 4 to Class 3.

The improved protection class rating was based on several things, including:

- The addition of an aerial ladder truck at Fire Station 46. The ladder on the aerial can extend to over 100 feet, providing unique abilities to rescue of trapped or stranded people. Because the ladder also has a nozzle at its tip capable of applying hundreds of gallons of water per minute, it can extinguish fire from an elevated position and protect buildings before they become involved in fire.
- Increased water delivery capabilities. The Kent RFA began a contract for service with SeaTac in 2014, which allows the city to meet its fire water flow requirements. Having adequate and reliable water sources to fight fires and protect people and property are critical to reducing risk.

The WSRB was asked earlier this year to evaluate the Kent RFA response area. The City of SeaTac last had this done in 2007. Evaluators looked at Water Supply, the Fire Department, Emergency Communications, and Fire Safety Controls providing the following ratings:

- SeaTac - Class 3 (improved from a Class 4)
- Kent - Class 3 (unchanged)
- Covington - Class 3 (unchanged)
- King County Fire District 37 - Class 4 (unchanged)

Communities are assigned class ratings between 1 and 10, with 10 indicating no creditable fire protection.

The improved protection class rating goes into effect on January 1, 2017.

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