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### PRESS RELEASE – DURANTS NECK FIRE DISTRICT IMPROVES INSURANCE RATING

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We are excited to announce that Chief Robert Eure and the Durants Neck Fire Department have been recognized by the North Carolina Department of Insurance for their dedication and commitment to making their community a safer place to live. The commendation comes after a recent inspection completed by officials with the Department of Insurance Office and the NC State Fire Marshal, Mike Causey.

Inspections are required on a regular basis as part of the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS) and it reviews several areas including staffing, equipment, maintenance of equipment, communications capabilities and the availability of a water source. The results of these inspections help determine homeowner's insurance rates within that fire district. Effective October 1, 2019, homeowners in the Durants Neck Fire District will now have a rating of 5/9E, effectively lowering the rating within five road miles of the fire station. This is an excellent rating for a rural volunteer fire department!

"I'd like to congratulate Chief Eure for the department's performance and for the hard work of all the department members," said Commissioner Causey. "The citizens should rest easy knowing they have a fine group of firefighters protecting them and their property in case of an emergency."

When speaking of his Department, Chief Eure stated, "The guys do the work and have a desire to be here, which makes my job a lot easier". Volunteer firefighters must complete a minimum of 36 training and continuing education hours per year to remain active. This past year, the 27 members of Durants Neck Fire Department logged over 3,000 hours of training, which was over 2,000 more hours than the required amount.

Chief Eure also spoke of how the process of preparing for this ratings inspection was a team effort and wanted to thank the other agencies that helped them achieve this goal. He stated that "Winfall Fire Department, Inter-County Fire Department and the Perquimans County Water Department played an important role in us achieving this rating". He also commended the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager Frank Heath, the Perquimans 911 Center and Perquimans County Emergency Management for their support through this tedious process.

We would like to thank all the departments involved for constantly working to improve the services provided to our County!

