



PRESS RELEASE – IMMEDIATE

Leland Volunteer Fire/Rescue Department, Inc. is proud to announce it has taken another step in improving the quality of safety to the citizens and visitors of Northern Brunswick County. Effective 1 May 2009 the fire protection class for the Town of Leland, Town of Belville, and the Leland Rural Fire Protection District will be a Class 6/10, 6, and 6/9E respectively. Below is a sample idea of what the protection class change means in dollars. The department has worked tirelessly to consistently provide the best possible services for the citizens of our area. This is one service that puts money back into the Fire Fee payers of our district. This classification is only effective for homes and businesses with a needed fire flow of 3500 gallons per minute, located within 1000 feet of a rated fire hydrant and within 5 road miles of a Leland Fire Station. The 9E rating for the rural district will give those who are located within 6 miles but greater than 5 miles and NOT IN A MUNICIPALITY from paying a class 10 rating.

Talking points;

- A 1050 ft², Frame built home, built in 2007 would pay \$1050 for a FPC7 and \$875 for a FPC6 (\$225 savings)
- A 1800 ft², Frame built home, 20 years old would pay \$1400 for a FPC7 and \$1150 for a FPC6 (\$250 savings)
- A 3000 ft², Masonry built home, built in 2007 would pay \$2000 for a FPC7 and \$1700 for a FPC6 (\$300 savings)
- The department received the FPC 7 rating in January of 2000.
- LVFRD is Brunswick County's second highest volume EMS provider with over 2,800 calls for service in 2008. (1,975 in 2007)
- LVFRD is Brunswick County's highest volume Fire Department with over 700 calls for service in 2008 (657 in 2007)
- Total will exceed 3,600 emergency requests for service
- LVFRD currently has 21 NC Credentialed Paramedics
- LVFRD is Brunswick County's only State Certified Heavy Rescue Provider



- LVFRD is a combination department with 18 Career Staff members, approximately 65 volunteers, 5 High School Cadets, and two life time Honorary Members
- LVFRD was founded originally as Leland Volunteer Fire Department in 1959 and Leland Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1968. The two departments merged in 1998

Related Cost;

- Purchase of (4) four new Fire Engines - \$1.5 Million by the Town of Leland
- Westport Fire Station - \$2.2 Million by the Town of Leland
- 18 Career Staff Members - \$900,000
- 65 Volunteers – Priceless The volunteer staff is truly the savings to taxpayers they are truly priceless.