

Minimum Criteria For Applying The Fire Suppression Rating Schedule

In order to develop a fire rating other than a Class 10, all of the following criteria must be met:

Organization — The fire department must be organized on a permanent basis under applicable state or local laws. The organization shall include one person responsible for the operation of the department, usually with the title of fire chief. The fire department must serve an area with definite boundaries. If a city is not served by a fire department operated solely by or for the governing body of that city, the fire department providing such services shall do so under legal contract or resolution.

When a fire department's service area involves one or more graded areas, a contract should be executed with each area served.

Membership — The department shall have sufficient membership to assure the response of at least four (4) members to fires in structures. The chief may be one of the 4 responding members.

Training — Training for active members shall be conducted at least 2 hours every 2 months and documented. The training credited by the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule is fire suppression training only.

Alarm Notification — Alarm facilities and arrangement shall be such that there is no delay in the receipt of alarms and the dispatch of fire fighters and apparatus.

Apparatus — There shall be at least one piece of equipment meeting the general criteria of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1901, Automotive Fire Apparatus.

Housing — Apparatus shall be housed to provide protection from the weather.