



CITY OF RINCON

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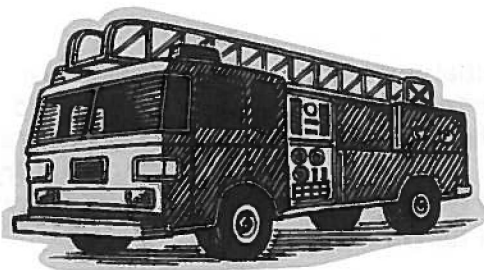
Rincon, GA 31326

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE: Effective October 1, 2014

Fire Fee:

The City of Rincon's quality fire protection for the Citizens of Rincon, residential and commercial, continues to improve. The City of Rincon's fire protection rating, assigned by the Insurance Service Office (ISO), continues to improve. In 2006, Rincon's ISO rate improved from a '6/9' to a '5/9', and in 2013, Rincon has again improved its ISO rating to a straight '4'. The lower rating defines better protection and lower insurance premiums for our citizens.

The City has expended more than \$2,000,000 to add, replace, and improve equipment and engines. Included is a state of the art training facility that prepares our firefighters to be the best in their service. We have added seven full-time firefighters so that at least two engines are rolling, day or night, as soon as the call for help goes out. The current operating budget to support seven full-time firefighters and operate a 24/7 Fire Department with the required equipment and vehicles is \$600,000 annually.



What is the reward for citizens in Rincon's Fire District?

1. Quicker response time to victims of an accident, fire or other emergency situations.
2. Greater response in personnel to your fire call. Many can control a fire better than a few.
3. Better preparedness in our community for any disaster, natural or other.
4. Lower insurance premiums, saving residents and business \$100's annually. An ISO rating from a 6 to 4 may provide up to 10% to 20% reduction in your homeowner insurance, and as much as 50% reduction in premiums for ISO rates improved from a 9 to a 4.

What is the cost to our citizens for the rewards?

The citizens have had the same annual fire fee for the past 14 years of \$24.00. The City of Rincon will be increasing their monthly fire fee for residential fire service by \$2 a month. The new annual fire fee for residential coverage will be \$4.00 a month. However, if you will notify your insurance agent that the ISO rating has been improved, you should experience a reduction in your premium that will more than compensate you for this minimal increase in cost.

The City is pleased to continue providing the best fire coverage in the county. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support of the necessary fee increase for your improved protection and premium savings.