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**RECOGNITION FOR FIRE INSURANCE GRADING RECEIVED**

*Coombs-Hillier Fire Protection Service Area of the Regional District of Nanaimo  
Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department  
Coombs-Hillier Fire Station #1 and #2*

**Superior Tanker Shuttle Service – Accredited**

I am pleased to advise you that the above-mentioned fire protection area within the province of British Columbia was recently registered in the Canadian Fire Insurance Grading Index as being accredited for the delivery of Superior Tanker Shuttle Service for properties insured under Personal Lines and Commercial Lines.

**Properties insured under Personal Lines:**

The Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department has shown through testing their ability to provide 200 IGPM for 2 hours to specified areas within the Coombs-Hillier fire protection service area of the Regional District of Nanaimo. This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Dwelling Protection Grade 3B(S) can be applied to properties insured under Personal Lines that are within 8 km in road distance from the accredited fire stations (Coombs-Hillier #1 and #2) and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point.

**Properties insured under Commercial Lines:**

The Coombs-Hillier Volunteer Fire Department has shown through testing their ability to provide 400 IGPM for 1 hour to specified areas within the Coombs-Hillier fire protection service area of the Regional District of Nanaimo. This accreditation is an equivalency to the minimum requirements for hydrant protection as set out by the insurance industry and the Fire Underwriters Survey. Public Fire Protection Classification 7 can be applied to properties insured under Commercial Lines that are within 5 km road distance from the accredited fire station (Coombs-Hillier #1 and #2) and within 2.5 km of a recognized water supply point.

Fire Underwriters Survey has provided information on fire protection and risk levels to the insurance industry in Canada for more than 100 years. Fire Underwriters Survey was originally operated under the auspices of the Insurance Advisory Organization until 2002 when the I.A.O. and all of its related services were repositioned under the flag of CGI and more recently, Opta Information Intelligence within SCM Insurance Services.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation process or any other related area, please contact us for further information.

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