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***Town of Kingston Springs, Tennessee***

**KINGSTON SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MAINTAINS '4' ISO RATING**

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The Kingston Springs Volunteer Fire Department has maintained its ISO public protection classification of 4. The updated rating will begin in calendar year 2016 and is valid for five years. An ISO rating is a benchmark in the fire service and has additional benefits to local property owners. Seven of the top ten insurance companies in the country utilize the rating in establishing fair premiums for coverage.

"Receiving a '4' rating is an honor," explained Chief Eugene Ivey. "The rating is a result of a lot of hard work by the firemen, Cheatham County 911, and the Second South Cheatham Utility District."

ISO began its periodic review of the department in November 2014. In March 2015, the department received a conditional rating and was asked to submit an improvement plan to update departmental policies and training records. Kingston Springs was initially awarded a '4' rating from ISO in March 2003.

ISO is a New Jersey-based company which offers inspections and supplies statistical information for the property and casualty insurance industry. They rank professional and volunteer fire departments across the country from 1 (the best) to 10 (the worst) based on a standard schedule. The schedule grades local features such as water distribution, fire department equipment and manpower, fire alarm facilities, and emergency communications.

The Kingston Springs Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection, medical, and emergency services to the Town of Kingston Springs and neighboring unincorporated Cheatham County. The department was founded in 1959 and merged with the Town of Kingston Springs in 1978. It became the first volunteer department in Tennessee to receive an ISO rating of '5' in July 1984. Today, personnel in the department include a Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, five cross-trained public safety officers, and twenty-six volunteer firemen.

For more information on the Kingston Springs Volunteer Fire Department, please visit <http://www.ksvfd.com/>. To access a copy of the department's improvement plan, ISO summary report, or for additional information, please contact Kingston Springs City Manager Mike McClanahan at (615) 952-2110 Ext. 15, or [citymanager@kingstonsprings-tn.gov](mailto:citymanager@kingstonsprings-tn.gov).