

**EAST COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE
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S&P Global Upgrades East County Fire and Rescue's Bond Rating

CAMAS, WA – Following a periodic review of the East County Fire and Rescue's bond rating, S&P Global upgraded the district's bond rating to AA-.

The district's bond rating provides a transparent, forward-looking third-party assessment of credit worthiness that is standardized for consistency. S&P Global's bond ratings range from D which indicates default on a credit obligation to AAA which indicates an investment grade rating reflecting an extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments. East County Fire and Rescue's rating increased one grade from A+ to AA- based on sound financial management and adoption of comprehensive financial policies. While the district's bond rating was upgraded, the district has no near-term plans to incur debt by issuing bonds.

East County Fire and Rescue

East County Fire and Rescue provides fire and life safety services serving 11,000 people over 60 square miles in southeast Clark County. We are a combination full-time, part-time and volunteer department covering an average of 1,100 calls a year on both sides of the Washougal River. ECFR operates under a balanced budget.

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