

YORK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION

Eighteen fire districts provide fire protection to all of York County. Sixteen of the fire departments participate in the York County Rural Fire Program. The Rock Hill and Tega Cay Fire Departments operate independently, however, mutual aid agreements provide aid to all of the fire departments as needed. The volunteer fire departments have more than 580 volunteer firefighters. The County has 105 pieces of fire apparatus distributed throughout the County, including five aerial devices of at least eighty-five feet in height.

The City of Rock Hill is the only career fire department in the County. The York Fire Department has six career firefighters and twenty-seven volunteer firefighters. The Fort Mill Fire Department has seven career firefighters and forty-one volunteer firefighters.

The Insurance Service Office (ISO), which determines the insurance rating for fire departments, has issued the following ISO ratings for the fire districts of York County:

Department	ISO Rating
Bethany	6
Bethel	5
Bethesda	4
Bullock Creek	7 (effective July 1, 2009)
Clover	5
Flint Hill	4
Fort Mill	4
Hickory Grove	5
Lesslie	6
McConnells	6
Newport	4
Oakdale	5
Riverview	5
Sharon	6
Smyrna	6
York	Incorporated Area 4
York	Unincorporated Area 4 (Effective July 1, 2009)
City of Rock Hill	2
City of Tega Cay	6-9

Where a split rating is indicated, residences located within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant have the lower rating, and residences located more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant have the higher rating. Commercial buildings within 500 feet of a fire hydrant have the lower rating.

Where a single rate is indicated, the fire district has the same rating for all structures located within five road miles of a fire station. Structures located more than five road miles from a fire station receive a ten (10) ISO rating. (No protection)

Source: York County Department of Fire Safety – April 9, 2009.