

ISO TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs, The Four Resource Conservation and Developments Councils along with the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association are hosting a regional Insurance Service Office (ISO) training workshop on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Anderson County Courthouse Annex 730 North Mallard, (one block north of the courthouse) in Palestine, TX. A grant will help fund the cost of all training materials but a registration fee of \$5.00 will help pay for the cost of the catered meal.

Charles Gangluff with the Arkansas Rural Fire Protection Program will be our principal speaker. A Fire Chief with his local fire department, he will take us through the process that he used to get his rural volunteer fire department from an ISO Class rating of 9 to an ISO Class rating of 6. The Texas Department of Insurance estimates the savings in insurance premiums on a wood siding house to be over 26%.

This training specifically targets fire departments with an ISO class of 9 or 10 but the materials and information provided will assist any fire department in improving their ISO classification.

Jesse Williams, Deputy State Fire Marshal, Public Protection Classification Oversight Officer and Phillip Bradley, Assistance Manger ISO, will provide information on the Texas Addendum to the ISO rating schedule and information on ISO in Texas.

Joe Fox, Grant Coordinator with the Texas Forest Service will discuss grants and funding assistance to rural fire departments available through Texas Forest Service.

Jimmy Woodard, Emergency Services District Coordinator with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs will discuss ESD's and provide information to assist fire departments.

A representative with the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association will be on hand to discuss issues with volunteer fire departments.

Roy Mercer with VFIS will have a presentation on recruitment and retention for volunteer fire departments.

For information about this workshop, please call Rodney Kelley, Volunteer Fire Program Coordinator, Texas Department of Rural Affairs at (903) 683 4251 or email to rodney.kelley@tdra.state.tx.us.

The meeting will run from 8 – 5 P.M.

Please pass this to interested individuals in the fire department.