

Borrowing/Sharing of Equipment to Satisfy NC RRS Survey Requirements

North Carolina Fire Suppression Ratings Schedule (NCFRS) will be used for the purpose of determining Fire Insurance District Ratings Classifications.

The sharing or borrowing of equipment between fire departments, between stations within a department or apparatus for the purpose of falsely satisfying the apparatus/equipment grading score of a NC RRS survey, is strictly prohibited and will be considered **fraud**.

Any department determined to have **borrowed** equipment for the purpose of manipulating the apparatus/equipment score for NC RRS survey purposes will be placed on **probation**, following an investigation*** confirming such actions. The period of probation shall be a minimum of 12 consecutive calendar months commencing at such time deemed appropriate by OSFM. There will be a loss of survey credit equaling 20% of the score attained from the survey records; Hose Tests, Apparatus Service Tests, Hydrant Inspections and Training provided by the chief of the department.

Any department determined, following an investigation,*** to have **provided/loaned** equipment to another department for the purpose of the falsifying apparatus/equipment scores of the department being graded, will be immediately scheduled for an NC RRS survey update visit at the earliest possible date. This department will also be subjected to the same 20% reduction in survey credit received, from the chief's records, for these actions.

***The investigation will be initiated by OSFM and may be turned over to the NC SBI if warranted by findings of OSFM.