



FIRE CHIEF J.T. WALLACE, JR.

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS AND WATER QUALITY IN NORTHERN BOSSIER CITY & BENTON, LA**

**[Benton, LA]** – In recent weeks, Benton Fire District #4 has conducted fire hydrant inspections throughout the district, which stretches from just south of Wemple Road in Bossier City, including The Colony Subdivision, to just north of the Town of Benton. Inspections are scheduled to continue through October and possibly into November.

The inspections involve a five-minute flush of each hydrant and the underground piping that supplies it. This process can disturb sediment within the water distribution system, potentially leading to temporary discoloration of water. While this is a normal occurrence, it may raise concerns for residents. If you notice discolored water in your home, we recommend flushing your water systems until the sediment clears.

Annual hydrant inspections and flow testing are essential to identify and address potential issues within the water system. These inspections are conducted in late summer and fall, while 20% of the hydrants are flow tested throughout the year to ensure optimal performance and safety.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Benton Fire District #4.

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