



Dayton Fire Department Key Rating Improves

Department Among Top 2 Percent in Nation With This Rating

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The Dayton Fire Department is proud to announce that it has earned a Class 2 Public Protection Classification rating from the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), effective August 1, 2016. The Department currently holds a Class 3 rating.

ISO evaluates and classifies more than 48,000 fire protection areas across the United States, using its Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. As of 2015, there were 1,060 fire departments with a rating of Class 2.

Dayton's new rating (with a score of 84.36) puts it in the top 2 percent of communities nationally for structure fire suppression capabilities.

The improvement is no small feat and further illustrates the Department's commitment to high-quality customer service. Moreover, it demonstrates dedication to improving emergency services and risk reduction activities within the city of Dayton.

ISO is an independent company serving insurance companies, insurance regulators, communities, fire departments and others by providing information about risk. It analyzes data using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, and a Public Protection Classification grade between 1 (exemplary fire suppression) and 10 (not meeting ISO minimum criteria).

A community's PPC grade depends on:

- * Needed Fire Flows, which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes.
- * Emergency Communications, including emergency reporting, telecommunications and dispatching systems.
- * Fire Department, including equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations and community risk reduction.
- * Water Supply, including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations and a careful examination of the amount of water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallons per minute.

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