



NEWS FROM SANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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SANFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES IMPROVED ISO RATING

Sanford, FL (May 1, 2018): Sanford Fire Department receives a level two (2) ISO Fire Suppression Rating.

The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) recently evaluated the Sanford Fire Department to issue a public protection classification (PPC). This is a national classification system used by ISO to reflect a community's local fire protection for property insurance rating purposes.

The ISO has rated more than 46,000 fire departments nationwide and 725 in Florida. Sanford's newest rating, places it in the upper levels of all the rated fire departments.

ISO classifies communities from 1 (the best) to 10 (the worst) based on how well they score on the ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule which grades communities on such features as water supply, fire department equipment, training & staffing, emergency communications, and community risk reduction. The Fire Department was rated on their response times, inspection records, equipment, fire resources and training hours. The ISO also looks at all components of the water supply system including hydrants, flow testing and inspections. Sanford's new rating is a two (2), a noteworthy improvement from the previous rating of a three (3). The change will take effect August 1, 2018.

Fire Chief Craig Radzak said, "This is quite an improvement from our previous rating about 5 years ago. This is good information for the public to know about their fire protection services. We will continue to strive for improvements as part of our commitment to serving our community." According to ISO, only about 3% of the fire service agencies nationwide have a PPC of "2" or better.

The ISO PPC plays an important role by some insurance companies in determining the premiums it charges its policyholders. Several things are also considered – the company's fire-loss experience, ratemaking methodology, marketing strategy, and underwriting guidelines.

Sanford's new ISO rating may result in lowered premiums for commercial properties. Commercial property and business owners are encouraged to contact their insurance carrier for more information.

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