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Mason Fire Department Attains a Class 3 ISO Public Protection Class Rating

The Mason Fire Department is pleased to announce after completing an Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) evaluation last fall, that their rating for the City of Mason has decreased from a four to a three, effective March 1 2020. Currently there are only 62 fire departments out of a total 1,538 fire departments evaluated in the State of Michigan that are a class 3. Within the United States, the Mason Fire Department is one of 3,490 out of 41,177 departments evaluated with a PPC rating of 3. Therefore, Mason Fire Department is in the top 4% of fire protection services for the state, and top 8.5% nationwide that were rated.

Furthermore, outside of the City limits but within five road miles of the fire station, the Mason Fire Department rating has decreased from a six to a five. This rating of a five is pertinent to Vevay Township, Aurelius Township, and Alaiedon Township residents. With a lower rating for both the City as well as for the Townships, homeowners and businesses may receive a decrease in home insurance.

ISO's Public Protection Classification conducts a survey every five years. To get the rating, ISO evaluates four main areas: emergency communication services (Ingham Dispatch; 10%), fire department (50%), and water supply (40%). In addition, ISO assesses community risk reduction, which specifically addresses a department's ability to adopt as well as enforce fire prevention codes, public safety education, and fire investigation.

ISO's rating system ranges from a one to a ten, with a one being the highest rating a fire department could achieve. Just for perspective, only one fire department in the entire state of Michigan was given a rating of one. This rating has been awarded based on the continued efforts of City staff, City Council, fire personnel, and the maintenance of the City of Mason
