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Wauwatosa Fire Department Earns Prestigious ISO Class 1 Rating

Wauwatosa, WI – The Wauwatosa Fire Department has received the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification rating of Class 1. This rating has only been earned by six fire departments in Wisconsin and approximately 300 nationwide. The ISO currently evaluates nearly 50,000 fire departments with less than 1% earning the Class 1 rating. Of additional note is that the Wauwatosa Fire Department is one of only 80 departments nationwide to have earned both an ISO Class 1 rating and fire service accreditation.

The ISO rating process evaluates three main areas of a community – Emergency Communications (911 Dispatch), Water Supply (fire hydrants and available water), and the Fire Department (operations, training, community risk reduction). After this evaluation, each department is graded on a scale of one – ten with a “Class 1” being the best available rating.

The ISO’s Public Protection Classification program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies across the nation. Many insurance companies use this ISO rating to help determine insurance rates and coverage. Since each company uses the ratings differently, it is difficult to say how much this new classification will impact insurance rates for business owners or residential properties. This rating will become effective October 1st. 2018. We encourage property and business owners to contact their insurance company to see if this will impact their rates or coverage.

“We are proud to have been named a Class 1 community”, said Wauwatosa Fire Chief Jim Case. “It is a direct result of the collaborative efforts of our firefighters, public works staff, and 911 dispatchers as well as the ongoing support of the Common Council to make Wauwatosa an even safer, more attractive place to live, work, visit, and do business.”

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(1 Photo Attached)