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City of Pompano Beach

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Pompano Beach Fire Department Earns Superior ISO Class 1 Rating  
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100 West Atlantic Boulevard  
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Pompano Beach Fire Chief John Jurgle and members of his staff will receive a proclamation at tonight's City Commission Meeting honoring the historical achievement of receiving an Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) Class 1 rating. The classification by ISO, known as the Public Protection Classification (PPC) program evaluated the department on every aspect of fire protection. Pompano Beach Fire Rescue is one of 242 fire departments in the United States to earn this prestigious rating. ISO evaluates over 46,000 fire departments in the country.

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using its Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The company then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

"Our ability to improve our ISO classification to a Class 1 from a Class 2 was positively influenced by our increase in fire training, prevention and public education," said Fire Department Fire Chief John Jurgle.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. ISO PPC classification program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. By securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

"Statistical data on insurance losses bears out the relationship between excellent fire protection — as measured by the PPC program — and low fire losses," added Mayor Lamar Fisher "The prospect of potentially saving lives was a great incentive for us to improve our classification."