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Fire Department places Weatherford in top 8.5 percent in Texas for fire protection, possibly reducing fire insurance premiums for residents and businesses

New grade will enable citizens to possibly lower their homeowner and business fire insurance premiums as long as they receive their primary service from the Weatherford Fire Department

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas – The City of Weatherford Fire Department received an improved public protection class (PPC) grade with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that could result in savings to area homeowners and businesses in respect to what they currently pay for fire insurance.

These new ratings should equate to insurance savings to residents and businesses that live within five miles of the nearest fire station. Residents and businesses that are within five miles, but do not have a fire hydrant within 1000 feet could also receive an insurance savings. However, the savings may not be as high.

The ISO analysis of the Fire Department's fire suppression capabilities resulted in a 2/2Y grade out of 10. Only 227 (8.5 percent) communities in the State of Texas have earned an equivalent or higher rating.

"We are very pleased with our new rating and glad that our fire suppression services can possibly save our residents and businesses money in regard to their fire insurance costs," said Fire Chief Paul Rust. "This new rating is also a great measure of our fire services. We are a top service in the state of Texas when compared to other Fire Departments and we are proud of this accomplishment."

ISO's Public Protection Program (PPC) is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry. A community's investment in fire mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of future fires losses. Insurance companies use PPC information for marketing, underwriting and to help establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance.

"The new PPC rating is a testament to our Fire Department's commitment to the community," said City Manager Sharon Hayes. "There have been several key factors in obtaining the new rating, such as a new fire station, better training and implementation of better technologies. The Fire



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Department's goal is to continually improve its overall operations and this is one example of how we are striving to provide the best emergency services for our community.”

The new PPC classification will become effective after notification from the State Fire Marshal's Office. The City of Weatherford Fire Department cannot guarantee that residents and businesses will receive lower fire insurance premiums and are encouraged to call their insurance provider to inquire. For questions related to fire suppression services, please contact Fire Chief Paul Rust at 817-598-4282 or prust@weatherfordtx.gov.

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