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Lansing Fire Department Achieves ISO Public Protection Classification of Class 2

Mayor Andy Schor, Chief Dave Purchase and the Lansing Fire Department are proud to announce the City of Lansing has completed its Public Protection Classification (PPC) evaluation by Insurance Services Office, Inc. and effective April 1, 2019, the City of Lansing will have a PPC of Class 2. Lansing has improved from a rating of Class 3 from our 2012 evaluation by increasing its score by 15 points.

“I am so proud of our Lansing Fire Department for ranking in the top 2% of all fire departments in the U.S.,” said Mayor Andy Schor. “Our firefighters and paramedics work tirelessly to keep our residents, businesses and visitors safe.”

The City of Lansing and the Lansing Fire Department is one of only 8 communities in the entire State of Michigan with a ISO Classification of 2. There is only one community with a Class 1 rating. This puts Lansing in the top 2% of all fire departments in the United States for ISO rating and the top 1% in the State of Michigan.

ISO’s Public Protection Classification Program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. In fact, most U.S. insurers- including the largest ones- use PPC information as part of their decision making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.

ISO’s PPC program evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria, incorporating nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. A community’s PPC grade is based on:

- **Needed Fire Flows**: which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes.
- **Emergency Communications**: this includes emergency reporting, telecommunicators, and dispatching systems.
- **Fire Department**: this is based on equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations, and community risk reduction.
- **Water Supply**: Including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations, and careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gpm.