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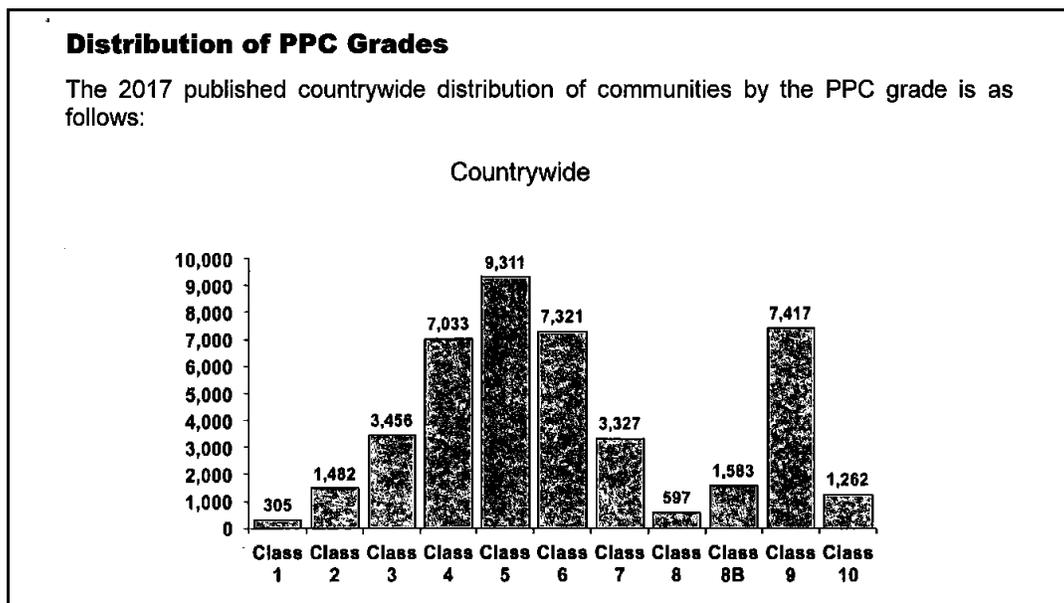
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DES PERES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UPGRADED TO CLASS 2 FIRE PROTECTION BY THE ISO EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2019.

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety has been notified that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has upgraded the departments Public Protection Classification from a Class 4 to a Class 2 effective March 1, 2019. Nationwide, the ISO has evaluated over 43,000 fire agencies. The Class 2 rating is achieved by less than 3.5% of all fire agencies nationwide according to the most recent ISO publications



“This improvement in our ISO fire classification is confirmation of what Des Peres residents already knew – the Department of Public Safety is well trained, equipped and prepared to meet the challenges of fire protection and suppression in our community. Des Peres is on par with other area fire departments and districts in terms of capabilities and performance in fire operations. I want to congratulate Chief Eric Hall, his command staff and all of our first responders for this major accomplishment. The latest ISO evaluation recognizes the outstanding work of Chief Hall who has served as Captain of Fire Services for the past

decade and is ultimately responsible for the leadership and departmental efforts in upgrading all aspects of our fire operations.” said Mayor Mark Becker.

The ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities and fire agencies by providing information about risk from fire and local fire suppression capabilities. Departments are assigned a PPC number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents exemplary fire suppression capabilities and Class 10 reflects a failure to meet the ISO’s minimum criteria. Des Peres has maintained a Class 4 rating since 1988 and was last evaluated by the ISO in 2004.

The ISO collects and evaluates information from fire agencies across the United States according to a set of national standards. The ISO examines needed fire flows (the theoretical amount of water needed in a community based on building locations, types of uses and sizes); emergency communications; fire department staffing; training; equipment; operations including response times; community risk reduction efforts in building codes; and overall water supply including location and regular testing of fire hydrants.

“We are extremely pleased with our recent Class 2 ISO classification of our fire operations. It reflects the quality and performance of our department and our first responders. The Class 2 rating also reflects the value of the close partnership and extension mutual aid in the fire services in St Louis County where departments depend heavily on automatic mutual aid from our surrounding agencies – in Des Peres’ case mutual aid from the West County FPD and from municipal departments in Kirkwood and Frontenac. The goal is not to simply achieve a higher classification but to perform day-in and day-out providing the highest level of fire and ems services for our community”, said Eric Hall – Des Peres Department of Public Safety.

While each insurance company determines the premiums it charges their policy holders, the ISO’s Public Protection Classification Program plays an important role in underwriting for most insurance companies. The ISO rating is one of many factors when deciding what policies to write, the coverage to offer and pricing of insurance policies whether personal or commercial. Des Peres property owners are encouraged to notify their insurance carrier of this change in the Fire Classification Rating for Des Peres to be effective March 1, 2019.

