



City of Cochran Fire & Emergency Services

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City of Cochran Achieves New Lower ISO Rating

On November 22, 2016 the City of Cochran Fire and Emergency Services received the results of the ISO (Insurance Services Office) evaluation that took place on August 24, 2016. We are proud to announce that the City of Cochran Fire and Emergency Services has received a Class 5 Public Protection Classification (PPC) from ISO.

Chief Kevin Noles states “I would like to commend the members of my staff that devoted the countless hours of work that went into preparing for the re-evaluation, as well as the City of Cochran Water Department and Bleckley County 911 Center for their partnerships through this process.”

The ISO classification ratings are based on a scale of one to ten upon several criteria including a community's emergency communications systems, fire department, water supply, fire prevention efforts and public fire safety education programs.

The City of Cochran has dropped from a Class 7 to a Class 5. In October of 2015 the City of Cochran received an ISO evaluation for the first time in over 20 years. Due to changes within ISO the city's PPC was evaluated and combined with Bleckley County's due to the departments responding and operating as one entity. This evaluation returned as a Class 7. When the Bleckley County Fire Department split from the City of Cochran Fire and Emergency Services on July 15, 2016, ISO returned to reevaluate each department as separate entities.

ISO's PPC program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. In fact, most U.S. insurers use the PPC information as part of their decision making when deciding coverage's to offer and prices to charge. This improved PPC means the citizens of Cochran could potentially receive lower fire insurance ratings.

The results of this evaluation provide the City of Cochran Fire and Emergency Services a valuable benchmark in our goal to continually improve the fire services available to the citizens of Cochran. These results are a valuable tool that will be used for planning and budgeting fire protection improvements.

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