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PRESS RELEASE

Downey Fire Department Achieves ISO Class 1 Rating

Downey, CA, January 29, 2021:

The City is pleased to announce that its Downey Fire Department has received the Insurance Services Office (ISO) top rating of Class 1. This is an accomplishment that less than 1% of the nation's Fire departments achieve. The ISO currently evaluates approximately 40,000 Fire departments nationwide, with only 393 earning a Class 1 rating. In California, Downey is 1 of only 39 departments with the top rating.

The ISO evaluates several factors to rate how well equipped a Fire department can extinguish fires in their community. Rating factors such as department staffing levels, training, location of fire stations, water supply, location of hydrants, communication systems, community outreach and fire prevention, are all used to determine a Public Protection Classification (PPC) score. The PPC score determines the ISO rating and indicates the level of protection provided to each community. Scores range from 1 to 10, with 1 being the best, or highest level of recognized fire protection, and 10 being the minimum level of recognized fire protection.

An ISO Class 1 rating benefits the community not only by knowing the Fire department is well equipped to put out fires, but also insurance companies use the ISO rating when calculating insurance rates for homeowners and businesses.

"What an amazing accomplishment for our Downey Fire Department and our entire community," said Mayor Claudia M. Frometa. "This is a true testament to our City's level of commitment in providing excellent service to our residents."

Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco added, "We commend our Downey Fire Department for all of their hard work in achieving this rating. Our citizens should rest easy knowing we have one of the best Fire departments in the Country protecting our community."

"I am proud of the professionalism and dedication that our Downey Fire Department continues to demonstrate each and every day," said Downey Fire Chief Dan Hurlock. "This rating builds on our mission of providing the highest level of emergency protection to the citizens of Downey."

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