



Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District

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Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District Receives ISO Class 2

Lincolnshire – The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFPD) was upgraded to a Class 2 rating from the Insurance Service Office, that reviews how departments respond to emergencies and other functions with the fire department. The Class 2 rating went into effect March 1, 2019.

The rating places the LRFPD within the top 6 percent of fire departments within Illinois. This was achieved without additional cost to the taxpayer. The rating since 2012 was a Class 4.

In February of 2018, ISO notified the LRFPD of their desire to visit the fire department in June of 2018 to gather and verify data to be used in their evaluation and grading process. ISO visited the LRFPD on June 28, 2018 and the department received correspondence that the Public Protection Classification was a Class 2 rating.

In the weeks and months prior to the ISO evaluation, the LRFPD Chief Staff, IT support staff and many departmental members spent countless hours arduously preparing reports and supporting documentation.

The ISO grading process evaluates four main areas totaling 105.5 points:

Emergency Communications (9-1-1)	10 points
Water Supply	40 points
Fire Department	50 points
Community Risk Reduction (prevention)	5.5 points

The LRFPD achieved 89.40 points to receive our Class 2 rating. The highest rating is Class 1. Class 1 rating score is 90.0-105.5. The LRFPD was merely a 0.6-point difference to achieving the highly regarded and prestigious Class 1 rating.

“This truly is an affirmation of your organization’s hard work and team effort coupled with our external relationships with emergency dispatch, multiple public works agencies, area fire service agencies and village officials. We know our areas of improvement and will strive to exceed those expectations.” states Fire Chief Tom Krueger.

What does this mean for our residents and business owners?

Some property insurance companies use the ISO classification in determining insurance premiums. Chief Krueger encourages residents and businesses to contact their insurance provider to determine if there may be a reduction in their fire insurance premium once the Class 2 rating takes effect as of March 1, 2019.

Of the 42,083 fire departments in the USA graded by ISO, 329 are a Class 1 and 1,545 are a Class 2. That places the LRFPD in the top 4% nationwide.

Of the 1,905 fire departments in Illinois graded by ISO, 19 are a Class 1 and 98 are a Class 2. That places the LRFPD in the top 6% statewide.

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The full LRFPD ISO report can be accessed on our fire department website www.lrfpd.org along with other organizational information.

About the LRFPD

The Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District (LRFPD) is a special district unit of government organized pursuant to 70 ILCS 705/, the Fire Protection District Act. Since 1940 the LRFPD has provided fire suppression and prevention, emergency medical services, and related emergency services. With a staff of 44 full time career members trained as both firefighters and paramedics, we respond from three fire stations covering the villages of Lincolnshire, Riverwoods, portions of Mettawa, Vernon Hills and unincorporated areas of Lake County. We also provide mutual aid service to other fire departments in northern Cook County, Lake and McHenry Counties, as well. For more information www.lrfpd.org

About ISO

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using our Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). We then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria. By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. And by securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services. ISO is an advisory organization, and insurers may use our information, modify it, or not use it, as they see fit. ISO is a member of the Verisk Analytics Family of Companies.

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