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## CITY OF WESTON RECEIVES TOP FIRE PROTECTION RATING SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES SUPERIOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR ALL



City leaders, administration and Fire officials are thrilled with the recent notification by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), that effective May 1, 2015 the City of Weston and the Broward County Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services will have a Public Protection Classification of 1. This is the highest rating attainable.

Weston becomes one of only 97 cities/departments in the Country to attain a Class 1 rating. Weston did not achieve this accomplishment alone. The stringent criteria were met due to a variety of factors including Weston's contractual relationship with BSO Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, the City's investment in equipment and the City's infrastructure including the water supply and distribution system. The City scored 98.7 out of a possible 105.5 points, which is at the top of the scoring range.



Class 1 Rating Map  
throughout the United States

A direct benefit of this Class 1 rating is the likely significant reduction in fire insurance premiums, particularly for businesses and commercial properties.

ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry. Most U.S. insurers use the Public Protection Classification information as a part of their decision making on offering coverage and the fees charged for the coverage of personal or commercial property insurance.

The positive impact of the City's investment in a tower ladder was clearly evident recently when a fire broke out on the roof of a building under construction on the Cleveland Clinic Campus. The fire was quickly brought under control and damage to property minimized. Having equipment such as a tower ladder are all awarded points as a part of the ISO classification analysis.

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