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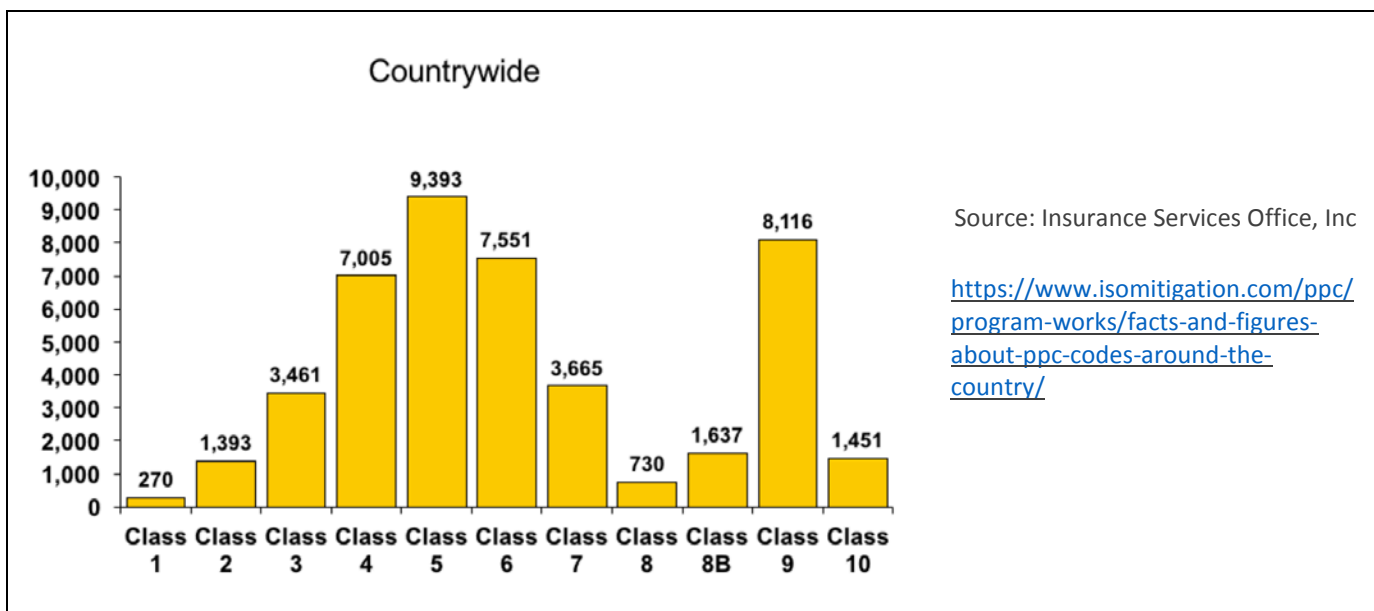
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Fire District Reduces Insurance Public Protection Classification

Parkville, MO (March 7, 2018) Southern Platte Fire Protection District has been notified that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has completed the local department survey and lowered the Public Protection Class (PPC) to a **Class 2** for all areas that are within 5 road miles of a fire station and have a fire hydrant within 1000 feet of their structure. This change could mean savings in insurance premiums for most of the property owners within Southern Platte Fire Protection District. This places Southern Platte Fire Protection District in the top 3.4 percent of all communities countrywide as graded by the Insurance Services Office, Inc.

With a Class 2 ISO rate, most Southern Platte Fire Protection District property owners are estimated to realize a 10 to 15% decrease in property insurance premiums.

Property owners should contact their insurance providers to inquire if their premiums will be impacted by the new classification rating.



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The new Class 2 ISO rating is largely the result of the continued work of the Board of Directors and District to make improvements including:

- Automatic Aid / Partnership with Kansas City Fire Department
- The move to a consolidated Communication Center within the Region
- Procedural and technological enhancements to Emergency Dispatch and 9-1-1
- Implementation of improved plan review, certificates of occupancy, inspections and code enforcement
- Better response times with more firefighters



An Audit was requested by the District and notification was recently made of the new rating

The new classification will go into effect on June 1, 2018.

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The ISO survey grades the following three areas.



1. Operations, training, and deployment which includes fire apparatus, equipment testing, training and the ability of the department to place adequate personnel on the scene of a building fire.
2. Emergency communications which evaluates the ability of the county to receive the call for assistance, process the information and alert the responding department, along with the department's ability to receive the alarm with redundant communications capability.
3. The water system which reviews the ability of the system to provide adequate water at the correct volume and pressure

while maintaining accurate records of flows and pressure.

Fire Chief Richard Carrizzo states "This rating reduction is wonderful news. The District Board of Directors and department members have worked very hard to not only maintain, but exceed the citizens needs and rigorous standards required by ISO. This has helped us in providing an exceptional service to the community while acquiring additional benchmarks required by ISO. I would urge all

property owners in the Southern Platte County to contact their insurance agents to make sure they understand that the department has received a lower rating classification.”

The Southern Platte Fire Protection District's four stations provide fire suppression, inspections, emergency medical assistance, hazardous-materials response, and public education for more than 38,000 citizens in Platte County, MO. The Southern Platte Fire Protection District, which includes Parkville, Weatherby Lake, and Farley, is one of the fastest-growing areas in the Kansas City metropolitan area. In addition to serving its own District, the department provides automatic-aid assistance to the Kansas City Fire Department and Riverside Public Safety.

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