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**City of Wichita Falls Upgraded to ISO Class 1**

Wichita Falls, Texas – Following an evaluation by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) the City of Wichita Falls is being upgraded to an ISO Class 1. Representatives from ISO and the State Fire Marshal’s Office will officially present the City of Wichita Falls their upgraded ISO rating during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 2. A recognition/media event is planned for today at 1:30pm in the apparatus bay at Central Fire Station; 1005 Bluff Street.

ISO is an independent organization that evaluates a community’s ability to respond to fires. The evaluation considers dozens of elements within the fire department, water department and dispatch center. Most of the country’s major insurers use the ISO rating in their premium calculations.

ISO rates communities on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being deemed the most capable. In 2010 Wichita Falls was upgraded from an ISO 3 to an ISO 2 with a score of 82.75. The most recent evaluation scored Wichita Falls at 95.18 prompting the upgrade to an ISO 1.

ISO has evaluated 39,378 jurisdictions with less than 400 communities achieving an ISO 1 rating. This places Wichita Falls among the top 1% with regards to responding to fires and therefore protecting our citizens, both physically and financially, from the devastations of fire.

Businesses considering start-up and relocation will often use a community’s ISO rating in their final site selection. The ISO 1 rating makes Wichita Falls more likely to be considered for these opportunities. Concurrent with this release the Chamber of Commerce has published a new Wichita Falls promotional video on their social media sites.

For questions, please contact the Wichita Falls Fire Department at (940) 761-7903 or the Chamber of Commerce at (940) 723-2741.

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