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## **MORA AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT SEES IMPROVEMENT TO ISO RATING**

(Mora, MN)—The Mora Area Fire Department (MAFD) recently participated in a Public Protection Classification (PPC) evaluation with Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), and is pleased to announce an improved PPC grade.

ISO collects and evaluates information from communities in the US on their structure fire suppression capabilities. ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a PPC grade – a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria. The evaluations are conducted approximately every five years, or whenever it appears that there is a possibility of a PPC change. MAFD's current PPC grade is Class 4, an improvement from the previous grade of Class 5.

"MAFD staff has worked hard to make great progress over the last few years to improve our ISO rating," shared Brett Anderson, Fire Chief. "Ensuring excellent fire protection services are available to our community is our highest priority."

ISO evaluated MAFD according to a uniform set of criteria, incorporating nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association.

MAFD's PPC grade depends on:

1. Needed Fire Flows, which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes.
2. Emergency Communications, including emergency reporting, telecommunications, and dispatching systems.

3. Fire Department, including equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations, and community risk reduction.
4. Water Supply, including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations, and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallons per minute.

ISO's PPC plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. Most US insurers use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer, or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.

PPC is important to communities and fire departments as well. Communities whose PPC improves may see lower insurance prices. PPC also provides fire departments with a valuable benchmark, and is used by MAFD as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

A copy of the updated PPC Summary Report can be viewed at Mora city hall. Please contact Chief Anderson to arrange a viewing.

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