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Warren, RI Announces New ISO Public Protection Classification

Protection Rating Improved to 03/3Y

Warren, RI - September 13, 2019 – The Town of Warren is pleased to announce the release of its updated 2019 ISO Public Protection Classification. Effective November 1, 2019, the Town’s rating will improve from a 4/9 to a 03/3Y. This rating is determined as a result of an exhaustive Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey, which analyzes the structural fire suppression delivery systems provided in the community; including fire flows, emergency communications, water supply and fire department equipment, staffing, training and operations. Warren Town Manager Kate Michaud noted that, “The improvement of the Town’s rating is a testament to the dedication and hard work of Fire Chief James Sousa, retired Chief Al Galinelli, the Bristol County Water Authority and all of the men and women who serve the Town through its Fire, Rescue and Public Safety Departments. It is also the result of continued efforts to maintain the Town’s vehicles, equipment and infrastructure to the highest standards in order to provide outstanding service and protection to the members of our community.”

Nationwide, 41,177 communities received ISO PPC ratings in 2019, including communities with paid and volunteer Fire Departments. Less than 5,500 achieved a rating of “3” or better, placing Warren in the top 13% of rated communities in the nation. Alex Shubert, Manager of the ISO National Processing Center, writes that “ISO’s Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. In fact, more U.S. insurers – including the largest ones – use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer and prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.” He continues to note that, “Each insurance company independently determines the premiums it charges its policyholders.”

More information on the ISO PPC program can be found at: <https://www.isomitigation.com/ppc/>

Town Council President Keri Cronin stated, “I’m not surprised to see our rating improve given the commitment and dedication to excellence, and heroic efforts of the Chiefs and entire department at recent events. It is both comforting as a citizen and a proud moment as a colleague to know how safe we are as a community.”

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