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Fayette County Fire & Emergency Services Receives Lower ISO Rating

11/29/2017: Fire & Emergency Services 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 **3/3Y** for unincorporated Fayette County, Tyrone, Brooks and Woolsey. This change could mean savings in insurance premiums for property owners. This places Fayette County in the top 10 percent of all communities countrywide as graded by the Insurance Services Office, Inc.

ISO surveys fire departments and gauges the fire protection capability of local fire departments to respond to structure fires. The PPC classification scale is from 1 – 10 with class one providing superior protection and class ten assigned to areas that do not meet minimum criteria for fire protection.

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 Fayette County water system which reviews the ability of the system to provide adequate water at the correct volume and pressure while maintaining accurate records of the flows and pressure.

The split classification of 3/3Y reflects more precisely the risk of loss in the community. The "Y" rating is applied to properties with a water supply greater than 1,000 feet from the property while ISO recognizes the ability of the department to supply water in alternative means.

Fire Chief David Scarbrough states “This rating reduction is welcome news. The department members have worked very hard to maintain the rigorous standards required by ISO while seeking additional points in the new areas that ISO now grades. I would urge all property owners in unincorporated Fayette County, Tyrone, Brooks and Woolsey to contact their insurance agents to make sure they understand that the department has received a lower rating classification. Also, we would like to thank the Fayette County 911 Communications Center, Fayette County Water System and our automatic and mutual aid fire department partners for their assistance in providing information for this survey process.”

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