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CITY OF TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES ISO CLASS 1 RATING

The City of Tucson will hold a news conference on Wednesday, June 21, 4 p.m. at Fire Central, 300 S. Fire Central Place to celebrate the Tucson Fire Department's recent award of an ISO Class 1 rating. The new rating signifies an upgrade from the previous ISO Class 2 rating.

The purpose of an ISO public protection survey is to gather information to determine a Public Protection Classification (PPC), which insurers use for underwriting and to calculate premiums for fire insurance. This new rating should help residents and businesses within Tucson city limits achieve lower insurance costs.

"The Tucson Fire Department is one of the best fire departments in the country," said Tucson Fire Chief Jim Critchley. "Less than 1 percent of all fire departments across the country hold this distinguished honor. This Class 1 rating is a direct reflection of the level of hard work and dedication shown by the men and women of this department that come to work every day delivering outstanding service to our community."

The ISO is a review of the Tucson Fire Department, emergency dispatch, and the water distribution system supplied by Tucson Water. The Class 1 rating was achieved by improvements in community risk reduction, training, communications and the collaborative work with Tucson Water and other City departments. This improved rating also could not have happened without the progressive prevention work in the mid 1980's by Chief Richard Moreno and his staff.

Speakers for the news conference include Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, City Manager Michael Ortega, and Chief Critchley. Speakers will be available for interviews directly after the conference.

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