



Tri-State Fire District Willow Springs Fire

Public Protection Classification (PPC)
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

What Does ISO Mean to You

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ISO collects all the information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyses the relevant data using our Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). We then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. And by securing home owners and business's **a lower fire insurance premiums for their community** with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

If communities strive to improve their ISO Rating, everyone benefits. The community benefits by making the district, village or city a safer place to live. The insurer benefits from reduced losses. And individuals benefit because, simply put, better fire protection saves lives.

The Tri-State Fire Protection/Willow Springs Fire ISO newly rating is at a # 2, The Tri-State Fire District has had a rating of a # 2 for a least the last 5 years. The Willow Springs Fire Department had a rating of a # 7 which has been raised to a #2 earlier this year.