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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***(MONTGOMERY, Ohio) – Montgomery Fire Department earns excellent insurance classification score***

The Montgomery Fire Department was recently evaluated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and rated on how well they are prepared to respond and handle fires. ISO gave the Montgomery Fire Department a Public Protection Classification (PPC) score of two, up from their previous score of three. ISO uses a scale of one to nine for their rating system, one being the best and nine resulting in higher insurance premium costs. This ISO rating for the Montgomery Fire Department equals better insurance rates for Montgomery residents and businesses. In comparison, none of the 2,830 communities in the State of Ohio have a score of one. Thirty two communities have a score of two.

Communities use the information provided by ISO to evaluate their fire protections services. Because these evaluations are done across the country, the program is able to provide an objective standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for equipment, training and staffing. Communities, with a better Public Protection Classification (PPC) score, allow residents and businesses to secure lower fire insurance premiums.

“The City of Montgomery is honored to be among the elite Ohio communities with excellent ISO scores. I am especially proud of the efforts the Montgomery Fire Department has made in the areas of fire prevention and safety. By being diligent stewards of safety equipment and systems, we have not only been able to exceed the safety needs of the community, but allow residents and businesses to also see the added benefits of securing lower insurance premiums,” explained Montgomery Fire Chief Paul Wright.

During their evaluation, ISO reviews several systems that pertain to fire safety. ISO evaluates fire alarm and communication systems, including telephone lines, staffing and dispatching systems. The fire department’s equipment, staffing, training and distribution of fire companies are also appraised. Finally, the water –supply system is studied. The condition and maintenance of hydrants are analyzed and a careful evaluation is done to study the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires.

ISO reviews property and casualty risk information for insurance companies. This information is used to determine appropriate fire insurance premiums for commercial and residential properties. ISO collects data on public fire protection, flood risk and the adoption and enforcement of building codes in communities. Communities also use this information to manage and mitigate risk.

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