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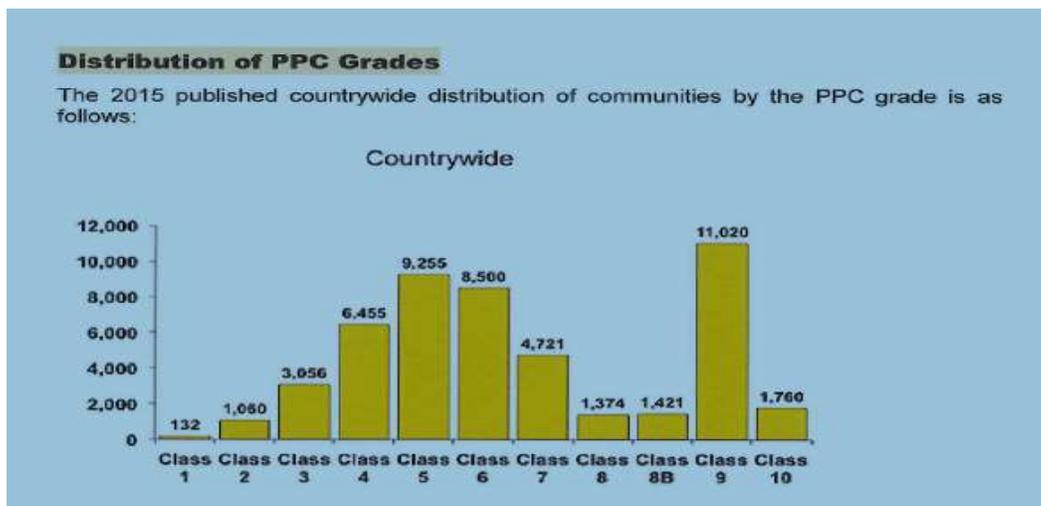
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NEW INSURANCE SERVICE OFFICE, INC. (ISO) RATING RELEASED FOR THE CITY OF ERIE

(ERIE, PA) June 2, 2016 On April 26, 2016 the Fire Department of the City of Erie received the latest Public Protection Classification (PPC) from Insurance Service Office, Inc. (ISO).

Prior to today's announcement, the city earned its most recent ISO rating in April 2014. Based on a scale of one – ten, with 'one' being the best rating, the City of Erie was awarded a Class 2 ISO rating in 2014, and was rated a Class 3 in 2007. Today, we are very pleased to announce the City of Erie's rating has been upgraded to a Class 1.

The ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments and others by providing information with regard to risk. ISO has evaluated and classified approximately 48,000 communities nationwide. In 2015 of the 48,000 fire protection areas, only 132 communities achieved a Class 1, the ISO's highest rating.



A community PPC rating is dependent upon:

- Needed Fire Flows (the amount of water necessary for fire suppression)
- Emergency Communications (dispatching)
- Fire Department (equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations and community risk reduction)

- Water Supply (inspection and flow-testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations and careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallons per minute)

The report is comprised of 3 sections:

- 1) Emergency communications account for 10% of the classification
- 2) Water supply system - 40% of the classification
- 3) Fire department - 50% of the total classification

The ISO's Public Protection Classification program plays a central role in the insurance industry across the nation. Underwriters' use PPC data for marketing, underwriting and as an aide to establish fair premiums to both personal as well as and commercial property insurance.

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