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### **CITY RECIEVES NEW ISO RATING**

Cushing, Oklahoma – The City of Cushing has received a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating of 3 from Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO), which is an improvement from the previous rating of 5. The new rating will become effective April 1, 2018.

ISO is an advisory organization that collects and evaluates information about a community's ability to extinguish structure fires - assigning a PPC rating between 1 and 10 – which is then used by insurance companies to help establish fair premiums for homeowner and commercial fire insurance. A Class 3 rating represents an exemplary fire suppression program and generally results in lower fire insurance premiums throughout the community. Cushing's' PPC rating was based on a review of our emergency communications, water supply and fire department suppression capabilities.

"I am extremely proud of the men and women of the Cushing Fire Department for the dedication and hard work that went into making our goal of achieving a Class 3 ISO rating a reality," said Fire Chief Chris Pixler. "This rating validates that time and effort and demonstrates our continuing commitment to providing our citizens and visitors with exemplary emergency services."

"The new rating is representative of the visionary leadership shown by Chief Pixler and Deputy Chief Derek Griffith, and the commitment to service excellence demonstrated by the men and women of the fire department, our 911 Communications Specialists, and members of Water Maintenance and Distribution team," outgoing City Manager Steve Spears and incoming City Manager Terry Brannon said in a joint statement. "This is also a reflection of the unwavering commitment shown by the Commission, and the people of Cushing because we cannot serve with excellence without their support."

The Cushing Fire Department has 21 personnel. Those personnel provide fire and EMS services to 7,826 residents of Cushing, and portions of Payne and Lincoln Counties. Residents living inside the city limits are encouraged to contact their insurance providers to inquire about possible savings on their insurance premiums.

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