



Champions Emergency Services District

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Press Release

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Harris County ESD No. 29 Receives Top ISO Rating

Harris County ESD No. 29 (ESD 29) is excited to announce that the District's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating has improved to a Class 1. Previously, ESD 29 was classified as an ISO Class 2/6. Class 2 in areas with fire hydrants, and class 6 in areas without fire hydrants. ISO creates Public Protection Classification ratings (PPC) for communities to evaluate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires.

The best rating from ISO is a 1, while the lowest is a 10. The fire department score makes up 60% of the rating. The remaining 40%, and the most challenging portion of the rating to improve, is available water supply. Typically, the water used to combat a fire comes from fire hydrants. In 2017, to assist with water supply in areas void of fire hydrants, ESD 29 purchased a 3,000-gallon water tanker truck. Additionally, ESD 29 receives water tanker aid from neighboring fire departments. With these improvements, along with the opening of Fire Station 12 on Cutten Rd in 2020, ISO re-evaluated ESD 29's PPC rating.

ISO provides PPC ratings to insurance companies to help set **property insurance premiums**. The better your fire department, the better your PPC rating will be. That makes your home or business less risky and therefore, less expensive to insure. Many insurance companies utilize the ISO ratings, but some do not. You should contact your insurance company to make them aware of this improvement to ESD 29's PPC rating. Please remember, taking the extra steps to fireproof your home or business is still important. Installing smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors and keeping portable fire extinguishers at the ready is a significant first step. For more information regarding the ISO PPC rating system, go to <https://championsfire.org/iso>.

Respectfully,

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