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#### **Clarksburg Fire Department Receives Upgraded Class 2 Rating**

Clarksburg, WV, October 31, 2016 – The Insurance Service Office (ISO) conducted a site assessment to the City of Clarksburg for the purpose of assigning a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating for fire protection. The ISO has upgraded our classification from a class 3 rating to a class 2.

Of the numerous communities nationwide in the structure fire suppression evaluation, less than 3 percent scored in the top two classifications – Clarksburg Fire Department was among them.

The ratings are conducted by the Insurance Services Offices and are evaluated using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. ISO collects and evaluates information from communities throughout the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. In each of these communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). Using this rating schedule, the ISO assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC) from 1 to 10.

Fire Chief Rick Scott stated, “I am extremely proud of this accomplishment. It is a testament to our training and the deployment of the fire protection capabilities we have in the City of Clarksburg.” Chief Scott continued, “Clarksburg City Council, the City administration, Clarksburg Water Department, Harrison County 911 Center, and the officers and members of the Clarksburg Fire Department strive to provide the best fire protection and emergency services possible.”

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The ISO assessment is weighed 10% on the 911 center capabilities, 40% on the public water system fire protection capabilities and 50% fire operations. As a whole, Clarksburg Fire Department scored 88.20 of a possible 105.50.

Each year, the Clarksburg Fire Department responds to more than 2,700 incidents and participates in more than 12,000 hours of training.

City Manager Martin Howe stated, “This is very positive for the City and the community we serve. This upgraded rating reflects the professionalism of our Fire Department. Property and business owners alike can possibly see a reduction in insurance rates.”

### **About City of Clarksburg**

The City of Clarksburg is located in north central West Virginia, Clarksburg (est. pop 17,000) and is the County Seat for Harrison County (est. pop 68,652). Clarksburg is located at the intersection of two heavily traveled highways and the second busiest interchanges in the state, Interstate 79 and U.S. Route 50. Clarksburg enjoys the amenities of the largest city in the region with the advantages of a small hometown community. A rich mix of retail, industry, and government services, with a thriving business community exist, along with an abundance of recreational facilities and one of the best preserved historic downtowns in the state.

Because of the population base the Clarksburg region became, and still is, the main commercial, health care, and professional office location in the region. It also has a large number of State and Federal Agencies located in the Central Business District, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, Federal Court House, Social Security Administration, as well as Fairmont State University — Clarksburg Campus, among others. A new \$25 million State Office Building will be opening late summer 2016.

Clarksburg's Historic downtown is also home to a wide array of legal, accounting, and banking firms. There are approximately 6,000 professionals and visitors in the Downtown Central Business District each weekday. For additional information about the City of Clarksburg, visit the website at: [cityofclarksburgwv.com](http://cityofclarksburgwv.com) or follow us on Facebook at Clarksburg, City Hall.

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