



March 27, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

On March 2, 2009 the City of Cedar Park received news from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that the city was being recommended to change our present property protection classification from a "3" to a "1" effective August 1, 2009. ISO rates communities on a scale of 1 to 10 with a "1" being the best. This should have an impact on insurance rates for homeowners and commercial policies inside the City of Cedar Park. The majority of the insurance industry utilizes ISO data in determining their rates for communities across the United States.

The City of Cedar Park has agreed with ISO's recommendation to be ranked a Class 1 and the Texas Department of Insurance/State Fire Marshal's Office has also confirmed ISO's recommendation to be effective **August 1, 2009**.

There are presently only 57 Class 1 communities among the 47,648 graded by ISO in the United States. Cedar Park will be #58. This achievement made possible by the City Council and City Management supporting the needs of the Fire Department, investment in the water distribution system, and a good emergency dispatch communication center will provide savings in our community and encourage more economic development.. This is a team effort where numerous City departments came together and achieved this very difficult goal. ISO evaluates three areas to determine this rating:

Fire Department	50%
Water	40%
Emergency Communications	10%

This is a wonderful achievement for our city and a complement to our citizens that support this community through their tax dollars. Great things come to fruition when we work together as a team.

Sincerely,

Chris Connealy
Fire Chief