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City of Waco to Receive Top ISO Rating Tonight

WACO, TEXAS (February 4, 2020) – Tonight at the Business Session of the Waco City Council Meeting at 6 p.m., the State Fire Marshal's Office and Insurance Services Office (ISO) will give an overview presentation of the benefits of the City of Waco attaining the ISO Class 1 Public Protection Classification.

Jesse Williams, PPC Oversight Officer with the Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office, Hugh "Skip" Gibson, Texas Manager from the Insurance Services Office, and Jeffrey Edwards, Senior Field Representative from the Insurance Services Office, will present the Mayor with an award/recognition of this top achievement.

In the spring of 2019, ISO conducted a formal evaluation of the City of Waco. This included an evaluation of the city's fire protection capabilities including: emergency communications, the fire department, water supply, and fire prevention. The city currently has an ISO rating of 2, following the evaluation it was recommended that the City receive a Class 1/1X Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating. Upon confirmation of the rating by the Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office, the effective date of the new rating will be March 1, 2020.

A community's ISO rating is used by insurance underwriters to establish the rate to be charged for a homeowner's insurance. Many City of Waco departments have worked hard to bring this top rating to its citizens with the ultimate goal being to save lives and property while providing the opportunity to save money on insurance costs.

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