



Olathe Fire Department ISO Public Protection Classification Rating

In 2016 the Olathe Fire Dept. earned a Class 1 ISO rating, placing it among the highest-rated departments in the country.



WHAT IS ISO?

Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a leading source of information about property/casualty insurance risk. The organization provides statistical, actuarial, underwriting, and claims data for a broad spectrum of commercial and personal lines of insurance.

WHY ARE ISO RATINGS IMPORTANT?

About every two years ISO evaluates municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States using the **Public Protection Classification (PPC™)** program. PPC is used in several ways:

- Helps insurance companies **establish premiums for fire insurance.**
- Used by many communities to **measure the effectiveness of their fire-protection services.**
- Serves as a tool that **helps communities plan for, budget, and justify improvements.**



RATING SYSTEM

ISO analyzes a community's fire department data and awards Public Protection Classifications of 1 to 10.

(2015 Insurance Services Office, Inc.)



CLASS 1:

Superior property fire protection



CLASS 10:

An area's fire program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria



WHAT DOES A CLASS 1 COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?

To determine a community's Public Protection Classification (PPC™), ISO conducts a field survey to observe and evaluate features of the fire protection systems. ISO objectively evaluates four major areas:

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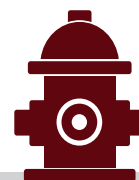
Fire Department

Analysis of a community's fire suppression capabilities based on fire department's first-alarm response and ability to minimize potential loss. Includes review of:

- Engine companies / ladder or service companies
- Geographic deployment of fire companies
- Equipment / reserve equipment
- Automatic Aid Agreements
- Pumping capacity
- Personnel and training

Olathe score: **41.65** / 50 points

2



Water Supply

Evaluation of a community's water supply system to determine the adequacy for fire suppression.

- Hydrant size, type, and installation
- Frequency and completeness of hydrant inspection and flow-testing programs

Olathe score: **36.28** / 40 points

3



Emergency Communications Systems

Includes:

- Facilities for the public to report fires
- Staffing, training, certification of telecommunicators
- Facilities for dispatching fire departments

Olathe score: **10** / 10 points

4



Community Efforts

Local efforts to reduce the risk of fire, including:

- Fire prevention codes and enforcement
- Public fire safety education
- Fire investigation programs

Olathe score: **5.14** / 5.50 points

Olathe score: **91.59** out of 105.50 points

HOW OLATHE RESIDENTS FEEL ABOUT FIRE SERVICE

Olathe residents are Very Satisfied or Satisfied with local fire protection/emergency services

81%

Overall value received for City taxes/fees

KC Metro average – 44% / U.S. Average – 46%

(City of Olathe 2015 DirectionFinder Survey Findings Report; ETC Institute)

98%

Satisfaction with local fire protection and emergency medical services

KC Metro average – 89% / U.S. Average – 88%

48,632

Fire departments in U.S. rated by ISO

only

178

are Class 1

Olathe Fire Dept. is one of only **6** Kansas fire departments with a rating of Class 1

INSURANCE BENEFITS

Most U.S. insurers of home and business properties use ISO's PPC in calculating premiums. In general, the price of insurance in a community with a good PPC is lower than in a community with a poor PPC.

Residents and business owners should contact their insurance providers to inquire about how Olathe's Class 1 PPC rating may impact their premiums.



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