

**ROSEVILLE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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Department Approval

City Manager Approval

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Item Description: Request for Insurance Services Office (ISO) Evaluation

**BACKGROUND**

The Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) through Insurance Service Office (ISO) measures firefighting capabilities of individual communities. The schedule measures the major elements of a community's fire-suppression and water supply systems. This develops a numerical grading called a Public Protection Classification (PPCTM) and scores communities 1-10, with 1 being the best.

Since our inception, the Roseville Fire Department has completed an evaluation process on average every 10 years, receiving a Class 3 rating in 2001 as our highest grade to date. The Fire Department would be due for an evaluation in 2011, however would like to request an early evaluation in an effort to improve our current Class 3 rating.

Therefore, the Fire Department seeks council approval to request an early ISO evaluation for Spring/Summer of 2010.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

Financial impacts would be minimal, as the department is well positioned for an evaluation and may only need to make minimal equipment purchases.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends council authorize the Fire Department to request the ISO evaluate the Fire Department during Spring/Summer of 2010.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Authorize the Fire Department to request the ISO evaluation for 2010.

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ISO

Roseville Fire Department

# What is ISO?

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# What is ISO Looking For?

Thorough analysis of 4  
main areas

- Dispatch
- Operations
  - Staffing
  - Equipment
- Training
- Water Supply



# Previous RFD Evaluations

- 1949----Class 10
- 1950----Class 9
- 1965----Class 7
- 1974----Class 6
- 1984----Class 4
- 1992----Class 3
- 2001----Class 3



# How Has RFD Improved?

- Dispatch Improvement
  - Ramsey County Communications
- Operations
  - Staffing: Implementation of 24/7 Firefighter Staffing
    - Auto-Aid Agreement with Lake Johanna Fire Department
- Training
  - On-Shift Training and Multi-Company Drills
    - Significant Increase in Training Hours



# The Evaluation Process

- Formal Letter and Review
  - Improvement Statements are Given
- Evaluation Process
  - At ISO Office and with the Fire Department
- Results
- RFD's Preparation and Confidence

# Reclassification Opportunities

- The First ISO Class 2 Fire Department in Minnesota
- Fire Department Evaluation
  - Accreditation
  - ISO



Questions?