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*** South Elgin & Countryside Fire Protection District improves ISO rating
from Class 3/4 to Class 2 ***

The South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District are proud to announce their recent review by the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) resulted in an improved rating from Class 3 in the Village of South Elgin to Class 2 and from Class 4 in the fire protection District to a Class 2. The classification, known as the Public Protection Classification (PPC) Program, assesses the fire-protection efforts in a community. Effective March 1, 2018, the District's improved rating score may help residents and businesses within the Village and Fire Protection District achieve lower insurance costs. Property owners are urged to contact their insurance company regarding this new ISO rating.

ISO conducts field visits in order to collect information on fire protection efforts in communities throughout the United States and then analyzes the data using its Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The rating is based on four factors:

1. The Fire Districts ability to receive and respond to emergencies
2. The District's equipment, personnel, and training
3. The water supply and distribution
4. Communication and dispatch procedures

ISO assigns a Public Protection Classification from Class 1 to 10. Class 1 representing superior fire protection, and Class 10 indicating the area's fire suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum standards for fire suppression. In the Public Protection Classification 2017 grading, Class 1 and Class 2 represent the top 3.4 % of all fire departments in the United States.

If you have any questions about the new ISO classification or the rating process, please contact Fire Chief William Sohn at 847-741-2141.