

CORAL GABLES FIRE RESCUE

2815 Salzedo Street Coral Gables, Florida 33134



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Re: Fire Department Insurance Service Office (ISO) Rating

The Fire Department recently participated in the evaluation process for classification with evaluators from ISO. The Public Protection Classification (PPC) report; effective November 2017, indicates that the Coral Gables Fire Department will maintain the longstanding tradition of achieving an ISO Class 1 rating.

ISO determines a Fire Department's classification by utilizing a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. The schedule recognizes a community's available resources towards mitigating a first alarm structure fire. The evaluation is based on a uniform set of criteria that incorporates nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association as well as American Water Works Association. The ISO assessment takes into account three (3) major areas which are critical towards a community's ability to respond to a structure fire. The areas evaluated consist of; emergency communications, fire department operations, and water supply. Additionally, the assessment takes into account a community's efforts towards the reduction of loss of life and property through public education and investigation. The specific rating schedule; which ranges from a Class 1 to a 10, has proven to be a reliable predictor of potential fire losses in that community. An ISO classification of 1 represents exemplary Fire Department capabilities.

Coral Gables Fire Department ISO Class 1 rating places the department in a unique setting, provided that there are only 241 Class 1 Fire Departments out of 10,000 departments nationwide. Moreover, Coral Gables Fire Department is one (1) of 40 Fire Departments nationwide that are ISO Class 1 as well as Accredited through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marcos De La Rosa".

Marcos De La Rosa

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City Commission Agenda