

**CAHABA VALLEY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESCUE DISTRICT  
ANNOUNCES NEW ISO PPC RATING**

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Chief James Witherington is proud to announce, effective November 1, 2015, Cahaba Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District will hold an ISO PPC (Insurance Safety Office, Public Protection Classification) rating of 2/2X. This is a significant improvement of the current ISO rating of 4/9. This new rating is based on many factors that were evaluated during the ISO audit, which was conducted earlier this year. The awarding of this high ISO PPC was brought about by the strong support of the District's Board and the hard work of the officers and firefighters

ISO gives a ranking of 1 through 10, with 1 being the best and 10 being no protection at all. For an insurance company knowing the capabilities of a fire department is important. The better the fire department, the better protected a building is from fire damage and loss. The higher the level of protection, the less likely an insurance company will have to reimburse a claim for fire damage. The fewer number of claims, the lower the cost for the insurance provider.

For specific information or questions regarding the Cahaba Valley Fire and Emergency Medical Rescue District's , with regard to the ISO PPC rating, please contact Chief James Witherington. Phone: (205) 408-7734, E-mail: [jim.witherington@cahabavalleyfire.org](mailto:jim.witherington@cahabavalleyfire.org) .

Background ISO information:

When auditing a fire department the ISO uses the following scale for scoring:

- Fire department quality—this includes its equipment (e.g., ladders, fire trucks), staffing (i.e., paid or volunteer), training, and geographic distribution of firefighting companies; this factor accounts for 50 percent of the total classification.
- Water supply system—this includes the condition, distribution, inspection, and maintenance of fire hydrants and a comparison of the available water to the amount needed to extinguish a fire; this accounts for 40 percent of the total classification.
- Fire alarm and communications systems—this includes telephone systems, telephone lines, staffing of these systems, and the quality of the dispatching system; this factor accounts for 10 percent of the total classification.

Points needed for ISO PPC:

**Points**

- 1 90 +
- 2 80 to 89.99
- 3 70 to 79.99
- 4 60 to 69.99
- 5 50 to 59.99
- 6 40 to 49.99
- 7 30 to 39.99
- 8 20 to 29.99
- 9 10 to 19.99
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