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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT ISO RATING UPGRADED

South Padre Island, TX – Dec. 9, 2016: During the Dec. 7, 2016 City Council meeting, Interim Fire Chief Albert Perez presented the latest Insurance Service Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) Number rating for the South Padre Island Fire Department.

“I am very proud to announce that our rating has been upgraded from a level 5 to 4,” said Perez.

Since 1999 the South Padre Island Fire Department has had an ISO PPC rating of five, but following changes to the structure of the fire department they have now received a PPC rating of four, which will go into effect on April 1, 2017.

The Insurance Service Office (ISO) is an organization that provides statistical information on risk, including public fire protection. The ISO inspects a city’s fire department, needed fire flows, receiving and handling of fire alarms and water supply. Based on these inspections, the ISO will award points for each section and produce an overall Public Protection Classification (PPC) Number rating that the State Fire Marshal recognizes as the grade designated to the fire department. PPC ratings range from a score of 10 – 1, with one being the best possible rating.

Most major insurance companies base their rates upon a city’s ISO PPC rating, meaning that when the rating improves the premiums insurers charge will decrease.

The next meeting of the City Council will be held Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017 at the South Padre Island City Hall, located at 4601 Padre Blvd.

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