

Olathe Fire Department ISO Public Protection Classification Rating

In 2020 the Olathe Fire Dept. retained a Class 1 ISO rating keeping it among the highest-rated departments in the country.

WHAT DOES A CLASS 1 COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?

To determine a community's Public Protection Classification (PPC™), ISO conducts a field survey to observe and evaluate features of the fire protection systems. ISO objectively evaluates four major areas:

Emergency Communications Systems

- Facilities for dispatching fire departments

Community investment in fire and emergency services has helped Olathe retain its Class 1 ISO rating.

Ensuring this continued level of service requires shared effort and responsibility among the Fire Department, local leaders, business owners, and residents.

WHAT IS ISO?

Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a leading source of information about property/casualty insurance risk. The organization provides statistical, actuarial, underwriting, and claims data for a broad spectrum of commercial and personal lines of insurance.

WHY ARE ISO RATINGS IMPORTANT?

Every several years ISO evaluates municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States using the **Public Protection Classification** (**PPC**[™]) program. PPC is used in several ways:

- Helps insurance companies **establish premiums** for fire insurance.
- Used by many communities to measure the effectiveness of their fire-protection services.
- Serves as a tool that **helps communities plan for**, budget, and justify improvements.

CLASS **Olathe retained Class 1** rating from 2016 in 2020.

Fire Department Analysis of a community's fire suppression capabilities

based on fire department's first-alarm response and ability to minimize potential loss. Includes review of:

- Engine companies / ladder or service companies

Olathe score: 39.75 / 50 points

- Equipment / reserve equipment
- Pumping capacity
- Personnel and training

- Geographic deployment of fire companies

- Automatic Aid Agreements

- Hydrant size, type, and installation

Water Supply

- Frequency and completeness of hydrant inspection and flow-testing programs

Evaluation of a community's water

supply system to determine the

adequacy for fire suppression.

Olathe score: 38.60 / 40 points



Includes:

- Facilities for the public to report fires
- Staffing, training, certification of telecommunicators

Olathe score: 10 / 10 points



Community Efforts

Local efforts to reduce the risk of fire, including:

- Fire prevention codes and enforcement
- Public fire safety education
- Fire investigation programs

Olathe score: 90.09 out of 105.50 points

Olathe score: 5.14 / 5.50 points

HOW OLATHE RESIDENTS FEEL ABOUT FIRE SERVICE

Olathe residents are Very Satisfied or Satisfied with local fire protection/emergency services

Overall value received for City taxes/fees

KC Metro average - 55% / U.S. Average - 37% (City of Olathe 2019 DirectionFinder Survey Findings Report; ETC Institute)

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KC Metro average -87% / U.S. Average -81%

INSURANCE BENEFITS

Most U.S. insurers of home and business properties use ISO's PPC in calculating premiums. In general, the price of insurance in a community with a good PPC is lower than in a community with a poor PPC.

Residents and business owners should contact their insurance providers to inquire about how Olathe's Class 1 PPC rating may impact their premiums.





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RATING SYSTEM

ISO analyzes a community's fire department data and awards Public Protection Classifications of 1 to 10.



Superior property fire protection

CLASS

An area's fire program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria

39,850 U.S. rated by ISO

Olathe Fire Dept. 8 Kansas fire departments with a rating of Class 1 are Class 1

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