

ISO RATING

Brockton is one of the top five fire departments in the state

January 1, 2017 - , the **Brockton Fire Department** has been upgraded to a **Class 1 Fire Department** by the ISO (Insurance Services Office). The ISO is a nationwide nonprofit service organization that provides rating and other services to property and casualty insurance industries. Less than 1% of all communities surveyed in the nation receives an ISO Class rating of 1.

ISO works with municipal fire authorities and other community officials to administer the Public Protection Classification program. The PPC program assesses a community's ability to suppress fires.

Communities strive to achieve "best in class." It takes hard work, perseverance, and constant diligence for communities to achieve the best status.

The objective of the survey is to recognize the impact that effective public fire protection has on individual property fire rates, given that public fire protection can affect the percentage of loss value that could be expected in a fire situation.

The ISO's Fire Suppression Rating Schedule classifies fire protection into 10 categories, Class 1 recognizing the highest level of fire protection and Class 10 recognizing the lowest or no level of fire protection. The Fire Suppression Rates three major items: Fire Alarm; Fire Department; and Water System.

The Fire Alarm section includes the means for the public to report a fire, how the fire department receives the alarm of fire, and how firefighters and companies are alerted and dispatched to the fire. This section is weighed at 10 percent of the survey..

The Fire Department section considers apparatus, equipment, staffing, automatic and mutual aid, prefire planning, and training. This section is weighed at 50 percent of the survey.

The Water System section considers the supply works, main capacity to deliver fire flow, distribution of hydrants, hydrant size, type, and installation, hydrant inspection and condition, and alternative water supplies. This section is weighed at 40 percent of the survey.

For further information on how ISO grades of fire departments, refer to their web site at <https://www.isomitigation.com/program-works/benefits-of-the-ppc-program-for-communities.html>