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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Chief Jeff Sorensen and the Park Ridge Fire Department are proud to announce the City of Park Ridge has completed its Public Protection Classification (PPC) evaluation by Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) and effective July 1, 2019, the City of Park Ridge will carry a **Class 2 ISO Rating**. Park Ridge has improved from a Class 3 rating from our last evaluation which was conducted in 2012. This is the highest rating that has ever been achieved by the Park Ridge Fire Department.

ISO evaluates the capabilities of the Fire Department to respond to and mitigate structure fire incidents, and assigns each fire department a Class, or PPC rating, based on a 1-10 scale, with 1 being the top score. The grading considers three main factors – fire department capabilities, water supply, and emergency dispatch communications. This Class 2 rating puts us in the top 2,000 Fire Departments in the United States, which represents the 95th percentile of all rated fire departments. As of 2017, there were 348 Class 1 and 1597 Class 2 Fire Departments, out of approximately 41,000 ISO evaluated Departments.

ISO compiles information on fire departments across the nation, in particular for use by the insurance industry. Fire insurance premiums for residents and commercial businesses can be affected by positive or negative changes in a Fire Department's ISO rating, so this upgrade to our ISO rating can have positive effects on our residents and business owners in the City of Park Ridge.

"We are happy to achieve this new ISO rating, and feel that it demonstrates the excellent service that the Park Ridge Fire Department provides to the City and its residents," said Chief Sorensen. "We were particularly pleased to see improved scores in the areas of training, fire response capabilities, and emergency dispatch communications, and we thank the City Council for the improved staffing levels that went into effect in 2018 and were recognized by the ISO evaluators."