



Emergency Services District #5

Manchaca Fire/Rescue

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TCESD5 - ISO PPC Classification Press Release

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Travis County Emergency Services District #5/Manchaca Fire/Rescue is pleased to announce the district has been awarded an ISO Public Protection Classification rating of a **Class 2** effective October 1, 2020.

The ISO rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community. The rating scale ranges from one to ten with a class one being the best score possible. A Class 2 department allows residential and commercial property owners the opportunity to obtain the better insurance rates along with receiving exemplary fire protection services.

TCESD#5 has been working over the years to improve the services provided to the community by investing in the personnel, equipment and apparatus. Over the years, the department has improved from a class 7/9, to a class 5, to class 3 and now a class 2. This superior rating reflects the hard work and dedication of ESD Commissioners, Chiefs, Firefighters and Staff of the organization. This rating will should bring about lower insurance premiums for businesses and residents in the TCESD#5 taxing district.

“We are very proud of this new rating we can share with the community and we will continue to strive toward a class 1 while providing exceptional service to our customers.” said Fire Chief Chris Barron.

With this classification, Manchaca is listed among an elite group of departments as it is one of only 1295 to achieve the Class 2 rating in the United States, out of over 49,000 communities surveyed. There are 286 departments in Texas that have been awarded a Class 2 rating.

As part of its evaluation, the ISO collects information on fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the U.S. ISO’s Public Protection Classification (PPC) Program helps establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties and provides insurance companies with reliable, up-to-date information about a community’s fire protection services. The formal assessment process consisted of three major areas:

- Fire Department (staffing, equipment, training, and emergency response capabilities, as well as Fire Marshal activities).
- Water supply system (highlighting the water supply a community uses for fire suppression).
- Fire alarm and communications system (which centers on facilities and support for handling and dispatching alarms).

The ISO evaluation of the fire department accounts for 50 percent of the rating; while water supply accounts for 40 percent, and the department's communication system accounts for 10 percent.

"Achieving an ISO PPC Class 2 has been years in the making and would not have been possible without the support of the ESD Commissioners, the personnel and community supporting our efforts to continually improve and provide the best services" said Chief Barron.

About the ISO

ISO is a New York-based advisory organization that serves the property and casualty insurance industry by providing inspection services, insurance coverage form development and statistical services.

ISO is a leading supplier of statistical, underwriting and actuarial information for the property/casualty insurance industry and has offices in Dallas and Austin.

About TCESD#5

TCESD#5 provides fire suppression, prevention, rescue, wildland firefighting and EMS first response to areas of southern Travis County bordering the City of Austin and Hays County. TCESD#5 serves 17,000 residents covering 12 square miles and makes over 1400 emergency calls a year.

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