



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

## Fire Protection District

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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The Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District was bumped up to a Public Protection Class (PPC) 2 rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), putting it in the top two percent in the nation for its ability to respond to emergencies.

Since 1992, the District had been rated as a PPC 3 organization with the last rating done in 2005.

Of the 2,408 fire protection agencies in Illinois, Darien-Woodridge is now among 71 that hold a Class 2 rating. Nationwide, there are 917 Class 2 departments out of the 49,000 agencies that ISO rates. There only three agencies that have a Class 1 rating in Illinois.

The evaluation process examines water supply, training, vehicle and station locations, dispatch, fire prevention and public education among other areas.

Home owners in parts of Darien, Woodridge and unincorporated Downers Grove have the potential to save on their insurance premiums as a result of the new rating. Business and commercial property owners can expect a significant decrease.

The report from the evaluation will be studied in detail to identify and make changes to areas that can be improved, provided those areas are something the District has control over. The District's employees put forth an immense amount of time and effort for this evaluation and achieving a Class 2 rating is a significant achievement.