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San Miguel CSD – Fire Department Achieves Improved ISO Public Protection Classification

The San Miguel Community Services District Fire Department is proud to announce it has earned an improved Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating, effective June 2026. The Department's rating has improved from Class 03/3X to Class 02/02X, placing San Miguel among communities with the highest levels of fire protection nationwide.

ISO's Public Protection Classification Program evaluates a community's ability to provide effective structural fire suppression. Ratings range from Class 1, representing the highest level of fire protection, to Class 10, indicating that minimum criteria are not met. An improved classification reflects enhanced emergency response capabilities and may lead to reduced property insurance premiums for residents and businesses.

This advancement is the result of years of focused investment and operational improvements by the San Miguel Fire Department. The updated rating recognizes enhancements in staffing, expanded training programs, increased fire engine capacity, advancements in firefighting equipment, emergency communications technology and hydrant infrastructure. Continued efforts in fire prevention, public education, and community risk reduction also played a critical role in achieving this milestone.

"This classification improvement represents a major achievement for the San Miguel Fire Department," said Fire Chief Scott Young. "Moving from a Class 3 to a Class 2 rating reflects

our department's commitment to preparedness, and service to the community. It demonstrates that our investments in staff training, equipment, and infrastructure directly strengthen public safety while also providing potential insurance savings to our residents and businesses."

San Miguel CSD General Manager Kelly Dodds praised the department's accomplishment, noting the long-term dedication required to reach this level.

"This improved ISO rating is a testament to the Fire Department's professionalism and the District's commitment to supporting critical infrastructure, training, and community risk reduction," Dodds said. "This achievement strengthens public safety and delivers real benefits to our community, including the possibility of lower insurance costs for property owners."

The San Miguel Fire Department remains committed to ongoing improvement, operational excellence, and proactive community engagement to ensure the highest level of fire protection and emergency services for the San Miguel community.