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The Byron Fire Department is proud to announce that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has improved the fire protection rating for the City of Byron with a reduction from a Class 7 to a Class 5/9, which translates to potential savings to homeowners and businesses located in the City.

“This is the culmination of two years of hard work on the part of the Byron Fire Department, the City Water Department, Peach 911 Communications Center and a significant commitment by Mayor Larry Collins and City Council to reach this goal”, stated Fire Chief J.D. Mosby.

ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes all relevant data using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria. ISO is the gold standard rating agency for municipal fire departments in the nation.

This improvement in the Public Protection Classification places the Byron Fire Department in the top 30% of over 47,000 rated fire districts in the nation. According to local insurers, the average Byron homeowner may see a potential savings of 3% with a possible 12% savings to commercial properties. This will mean a direct savings to citizens of over \$2 million over the next 15 years.

The Class 5 rating will apply to properties located within five miles of the fire station and 1000 feet of a fire hydrant. The Class 9 rating will apply to any properties that are more than 1000 feet from a fire hydrant and still within five miles of the fire station. The new ratings will become effective 1 December 2009.

For more information Chief Mosby may be contacted or visit the Byron Fire Department website at www.byronfirerescue.org; also, the City of Byron at www.byronga.com.

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