

ISO Class 1 and Accreditation

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The Washington Township Fire Department is proud to be ISO – PPC 1 Classified. The Insurance Services Office Public Protection Classification (ISO – PPC) Program plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. The ISO sets fire department standards that provide benchmarks for operational effectiveness and provides a Public Protection Classification rating for more than 45,000 fire districts nationwide. Less than 1% of the fire departments nationwide are rated as Class 1. The ratings range from the highest rating of 1 through 10.

The WTFD completed the rating process of questionnaires, data collection, document preparation, a site visit, and final reporting and was awarded the coveted PPC 1 rating on December 18, 2017 with an effective date of April 01, 2018. This is the highest rating possible for any fire department and places the Washington Township Fire Department as 1 of only 393 fire departments in the United States and 1 of only 6 fire departments in the state of Ohio to achieve this recognition.

The WTFD will look to remain their ISO-1 classification in 2022.

International Accreditation

Accreditation is a comprehensive self-assessment and quality improvement model that enables organizations to examine past, current, and future service levels and internal performance standards and compare them to the industry's current best practices. This process leads to a more efficient and

effective emergency service organization.

The Center for Public Service Excellence (CPSE)'s Accreditation Program, administered by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) allows fire and emergency service agencies to assess the following:

- Determine community risk and safety needs and develop community-specific Standards of Cover.
- Evaluate the performance of the department.
- Establish a method for achieving continuous organizational improvement.

In early 2018, The CFAI evaluated all aspects of the department's service delivery, strategic planning, and commitment to ongoing improvement. The department successfully earned accreditation for a third consecutive cycle by meeting established benchmarks and guidelines. In 2019, members of the Washington Township Fire Department attended the Excellence Conference and the Annual Compliance Report was reviewed and approved. Additionally, the fact that the Washington Township Fire Department is Accredited by the Center for Fire Accreditation International and holds the PPC of a 1 rating makes the Washington Township Fire Department 1 of only 101 departments in the United States, and 1 of only 3 departments in Ohio (the City of Toledo and the City of Columbus are the other departments), to achieve both of these distinguished designations.

The department is up for re-evaluation in 2022.