

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data using our Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). We then assign a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents exemplary public protection, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria.

By classifying communities' ability to suppress fires, ISO helps the communities evaluate their public fire-protection services. The program provides an objective, countrywide standard that helps fire departments in planning and budgeting for facilities, equipment, and training. And by securing lower fire insurance premiums for communities with better public protection, the PPC program provides incentives and rewards for communities that choose to improve their firefighting services.

The current ISO rating for the North Tongass Fire and EMS Service Area is a 9/10. This means any structure within five (5) road miles of a fire station is a Class 9, any structures outside this five miles is a Class 10.

We are in the process of bringing the department in line with ISO requirements with the goal of securing a lower class rating for all the residents of the North Tongass. The process is complex and time consuming but in the end will not only benefit the insurance rates in will only serve to enhance NTVFD's already high level response capabilities.

For more information their web site is: <http://www.isomitigation.com/>