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Presentation of the Fire Protection Rating for League City by Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy (City Manager)

On November 16 of 2016, a representative of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) came to League City to survey and determine the fire protection level provided to the citizens of League City. The score given from this survey provides home and commercial fire insurance underwriters a scale by which they determine fire insurance rates for their customers. Since 2010, League City enjoyed an ISO rating of "3". This is on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 representing no measurable fire protection at all and 1 representing the highest fire protection level measurable. Recommendations were sent to the head office for verification and then results were sent to the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office for acceptance.

On April 11, the Texas State Fire Marshal and his ISO oversight coordinator will be attending the League City Council meeting to announce the results of the ISO grading for fire insurance in League City. This is a rare appearance for the State Fire Marshal and indicates an important announcement. The Texas State Fire Marshal is Chris Connealy, a former Fire Chief of the City of Houston as well as the City of Cedar Park. He will be accompanied by the ISO oversight coordinator, Jesse Williams.

Improvements in the city's fire protection rating signifies a significant team effort by city departments over the last 6 years. Improvements were seen in water distribution, dispatching capabilities, fire station distribution, record keeping, hydrant maintenance and firefighter response to structure fires. All of these improvements have been strongly supported and advanced by efforts of the City Council as well.

According to our consultant, if League City moves from a fire protection rating of 3 to a 1, residential property owners may see a savings of 9 percent on their homeowners insurance. For example, if a home owner pays \$2,000 per year for home insurance, moving from an ISO rating of 3 to a 1 would provide a \$180 per year savings. This number multiplied by the number of homes represents over \$5,000,000 savings for League City home owners per year. In addition, commercial property owners in League City would save a possible 4% on their property insurance as well.

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