



Center Point Fire District Press Information Sheet



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Center Point Fire District provides fire suppression and emergency medical services to the City of Center Point, City of Clay, City of Pinson, and unincorporated areas of northeast Jefferson County. Center Point Fire District has 91 employees and 4 fire stations. In 2015, Center Point Fire Department responded to over 8,500 emergency calls. **The Center Point Fire District has earned an ISO Class 1/1X rating through a Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey conducted by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).** PPC classifications range from 1 to 10 with Class 1 representing exemplary fire suppression capabilities.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

- The areas of Jefferson County that are served by the Center Point Fire District have the best available fire suppression protection according to national standards on personnel, training, water supply, equipment, response times, organization, and communication.
- Most U.S. insurers (including the largest ones) use PPC information as part of their decision-making when determining which businesses to write, coverage to offer, and pricing. The ISO Class 1 rating will mean lower insurance rates for many citizens and businesses within the Center Point Fire District.
- Insurance rates based on the new ISO Class 1 rating will take effect on October 1, 2016.

HOW DOES CENTER POINT FIRE DISTRICT COMPARE?

- In 2015, only 132 fire departments achieved an ISO Class 1 rating out of the over 48,000 that were evaluated. The Center Point Fire District is now included in the top 1% of fire suppression organizations in the United States.
- In addition to Center Point Fire District, there are 4- ISO Class 1 fire departments in Alabama.
- The Center Point Fire District is the **only** Fire District in Alabama to hold an ISO Class 1 rating.