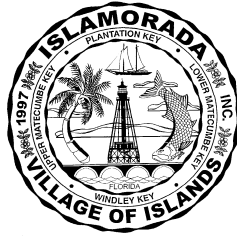


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ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS

IMPROVED ISO RATING MEANS LOWER FIRE INSURANCE RATES FOR ISLAMORADA RESIDENTS

Islamorada residents may see their insurance rates lowered due to the hard work of the Islamorada Fire Rescue Department. Insurance Services Office (“ISO”) has a system for determining the price of fire insurance in a community through a 1 to 10 classification system with Class 1 indicating the best fire department services a community could possibly have.

As a leading source of information about property/casualty insurance risk providing statistical, actuarial and claim information for insurance companies, ISO has completed its analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided in Islamorada, Village of Islands. The Village was given a Class 2 ISO rating; an improvement from the previous Class 4 rating. There is little or no difference in homeowner rates between a Class 2 and a Class 1 rating.

Fire Chief Terry Abel said, "We have dedicated our efforts to reach this goal. We have installed additional hydrants, documented our extensive training, and added staffing. Our fire stations are ideally spaced for quick responses. We have done pre-fire planning at local businesses and increased the number of fire inspections." Chief Abel also spoke of improvements in the dispatch section.

Islamorada joins Key West in obtaining the best ISO rating in the Keys.

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