



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 228-2007

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: October 15, 2007

SUBJECT: ISO Class 1 Rating

The purpose of this LTC is to inform you that has City of Miami Beach received the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) Class 1 Rating.

ISO's PPC program evaluates communities according to a set of criteria defined in the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, and incorporates nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association. Ratings range from Class 1 to Class 10.

A Class 1 rating by ISO represents exemplary fire protection, and the classification is based on three (3) major factors evaluated: (1) Fire Alarm and communication System, which accounts for 10% of the classification, focuses on a community's facilities and support for handling and dispatching fire alarms; (2) Fire Department, which accounts for 50% of the rating, focuses on items such as engine companies, distribution of fire stations and fire companies and department manning and training; and (3) Water Supply System, which accounts for 40% of the rating, focuses on the water supply a community uses for fire suppression.

To date, Miami Beach is only one of nine communities in the United States with an accredited Fire Department that has received a Class 1 rating from ISO. This rating is used by insurance companies to help establish premiums for fire insurance, and generally, lower premiums are offered to communities with better ratings.

Please join me in commending our Fire Department, Public Works Department and PSCU for their hard work and effort throughout this classification process.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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