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Bedford Park Fire Department receives the highest possible rating for fire protection services.

The Bedford Park Fire Department is proud to announce that it has earned an ISO Class 1 rating, placing it among the top 1% of fire departments in the nation. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) awarded the Bedford Park Fire Department a Class 1 designation through its Public Protection Classification program, which assesses communities' fire protection efforts. The ISO Class 1 rating is a testament to the exceptional standards of fire protection provided by the Bedford Park Fire Department. Additionally, it may allow residential and commercial property owners the opportunity to obtain the best possible fire insurance rates.

ISO determines the fire risk of communities by an in-depth evaluation of their fire department operational response to structure fires, staffing, fire station locations, response times, fire prevention programs, 911 telecommunications capabilities, and the community's water distribution system and capacity.

“This is truly a community accomplishment credited to the exceptional service provided by the men and women of the Bedford Park Fire Department past and present as well as the vision and support provided by our mayor and village board,” said Bedford Park Fire Chief Dan Johnson. “A Class 1 designation has been a department goal for a long time. This achievement confirms that Bedford Park residents and businesses can always count on us to provide the best service and fire protection possible. Our firefighters are proud to serve, well trained, and dedicated to being the best.”

Chief Johnson also credits partnerships with the Bedford Park Water Department and the Oak Lawn Regional Emergency Communications Center for their help in achieving this designation. Both agencies provide exceptional services to the Bedford Park community.

In recent years, the fire department made several improvements to achieve the Class 1 designation including the design and construction of a training burn tower, increased live fire training, comprehensive response plans, performance metrics, enhanced records management systems, and increased community outreach initiatives, among others.

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