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TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED CLASS 1 RATING

TORRANCE, Calif., December 10, 2009 – The City of Torrance is proud to announce that the Torrance Fire Department has been once again been awarded a **Class One Rating** by the Insurance Services Office. This rating is the highest possible rating that can be given to any fire department nationwide. The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a nationwide rating service used by insurance companies to help establish local business and residential property insurance rates.

Fire Chief Racowschi said, “This is a proud milestone in the history of the Torrance Fire Department by again attaining a Class One Rating.” The Torrance Fire Department has been a Class One Department since 1995. The ratings process involves a periodic, detailed analysis of all Fire Department operations. Also evaluated was the City’s water system and emergency 911 communications system; thus, showing a collective effort to help attain this achievement.

“The City of Torrance has always taken great pride in delivering the highest level of protection to the community.” Chief Racowschi added. “And now the property owners can reap the benefits of this City’s investment in a strong Fire Department infrastructure, especially in these economically challenging times.” It was estimated that should the Torrance Fire Dept. be downgraded, the overall cost to the community in property insurance rates would be close to \$18 million.

In addition to excellent fire protection, Torrance Fire also provides highly skilled EMS, HazMat, and USAR teams. It should also be noted that there are only 57 Class One departments nationwide and only 12 in the entire State of California.

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