



WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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PRESS RELEASE **Insurance Services Organization** **Public Protection Classification**

On November 17, 2025, the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) notified the Williams Fire Protection Authority (Fire Authority) and the City of Williams (City) that, beginning March 1, 2026, the Public Protection Classification (PPC) for the City/Fire Authority will be lowered from a PPC 3 to a **PPC 2**. This improved PPC rating may have a significant positive impact on insurance rates for both commercial and residential properties.

ISO evaluates more than **37,000** fire departments across the country, assigning ratings from Class 1 (best) to Class 10 (lowest). Nationally, only **502** departments hold a Class 1 rating, and **2,109** hold a Class 2 rating.

This improved classification is the result of a collaborative effort by the City of Williams Water Department, the Colusa County Sheriff's Dispatch Department, and the dedicated men and women—both volunteer and paid staff—who serve within the Williams Fire Protection Authority.

The rural area outside the city limits will receive a new rating after January 2026.

The Fire Authority encourages residents and businesses to contact their insurance providers on or after March 1, 2026, to discuss how the improved rating may affect their insurance costs.

The Williams Fire Protection Authority is proud to serve the City of Williams and the residents of Colusa County with the motto: **“Professionally Staffed by Volunteers.”**



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