



# ST. CHARLES FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Fall 2018

## St. Charles Parish Volunteer Fire Departments

District 1	Killona
District 2	Luling / Boutte / Ama
District 3	Hahnville
District 4 & 11	Norco/Montz
District 5	St. Rose
District 6	Paradis/Boutte
District 7	Des Allemands
District 8	East St. Charles / Destrehan / New Sarpy
District 9	Bayou Gauche

## UPCOMING MILLAGE RENEWAL Nov. 6, 2018 "NO NEW TAXES"



Every 10 years the St. Charles Parish Fire Services must ask voters to renew a tax millage that is used by the nine volunteer fire departments for maintenance and operation expenses in providing fire service to the parish.

The funds collected from a 1/8 cent sales tax and millage is about 1.8 m annually. These funds are divided amongst the nine volunteer fire departments based

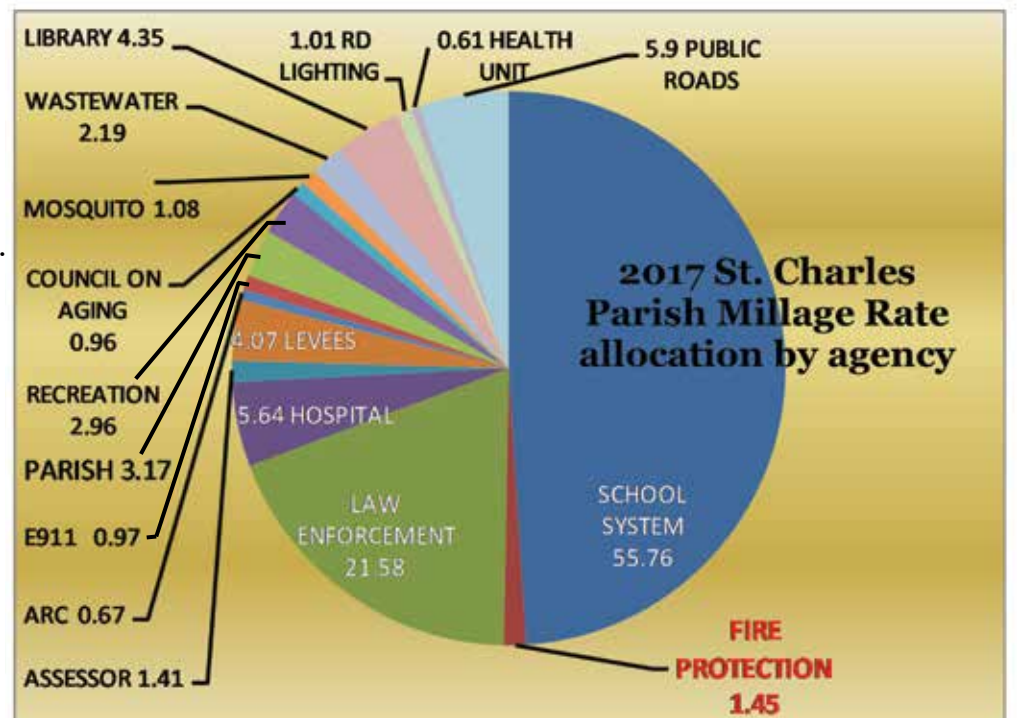
on the amount of structures protected by the fire department.

The funds are used to pay for all expenses in the maintenance and operation of fire stations, training facility, and apparatus. Some departments employ a couple of fire fighters to respond during the week day when volunteer response is very limited.

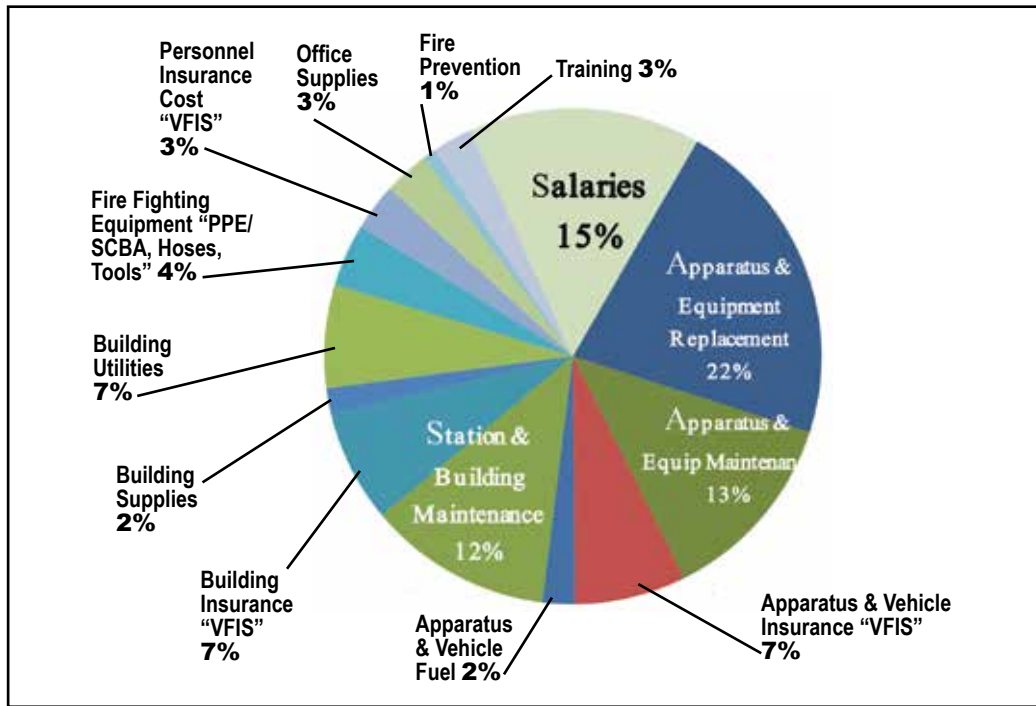
## Volunteer Fire Service

All nine departments, Bayou Gauche, Des Allemands, East St. Charles, Hahnville, Killona, Luling, Norco, Paradis, and St. Rose, were created and operated by volunteer members that receive no compensation for performing their duties. The volunteer members report weekly for training, general meetings, and respond to incidents. In addition, they conduct checks on apparatus and equipment, attend safety fairs and conduct fire prevention classes at the area schools and day cares. In 2017, the parishes 9 volunteer fire

departments responded to a total of 2,409 call for service. Of these calls for service, 111 were structure fires, 241 EMS calls, 376 motor vehicle crashes, 357 were fire alarms and 1324 miscellaneous incidents such as gas leaks and down utility lines.



# How does your local fire department spend your tax dollars?



The National Fire Protection Association "NFPA" and the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana "PIAL" set training standards and requirements for fire fighters.

Until 2014, members had to travel to LSU Fire Emergency Training Institute in Baton Rouge to obtain certifications. The majority of these classes are held during the work week, when a volunteer member was unavailable. In 2014, the Luling VFD constructed the St. Charles Fire Services Training Facility. This facility is utilized by all 9 parish fire departments for training. In 2017 with a collective endeavor using local instructors, 25 members, from the 9 parish fire departments, completed the Fire Fighter



I and II curriculum and practicals. Upon completion the members were able to challenge the certification test distributed by LSU FETI. In addition to this certification, several members completed certifications for Instructor and Officer I.

Beginning in April 2018, another Fire Fighter I class will begin. Between the 9 parish departments, we are looking at certifying another 20 to 30 fire fighters. The classes require the students to attend 4 hours on Tuesday and Thursday night and 8 hours every Saturday; totaling approximately 240 hours.

In addition to the joint training, each individual department trains 2 to 3 times monthly. A fire fighter usually attends approximately 150 hours of additional training annually.

## WHAT'S THE COST TO OUTFIT A RESCUE UNIT ???

YOUR SUPPORT IS YOUR PROTECTION

**EXTRICATION TOOLS**  
**\$50,000.00**

**POSITIVE PRESSURE FANS**  
**\$4,100.00**

**RESCUE SAWS**  
**\$5,000.00**

**RADIOS**  
**\$10,000.00**

**BREATHING APPARATUS**  
**\$25,000.00**

**LADDERS**  
**\$2,000.00**

**RESCUE TRUCK**  
**\$425,000.00**

(Cost is estimated and varies between vendors)

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# Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL)

The Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) is a private, non-profit association made up of all insurance companies licensed to write property coverage's within the State.

PIAL grades municipal areas in terms of fire protection (Public Protection) capabilities for the purpose of fair insurance rating of

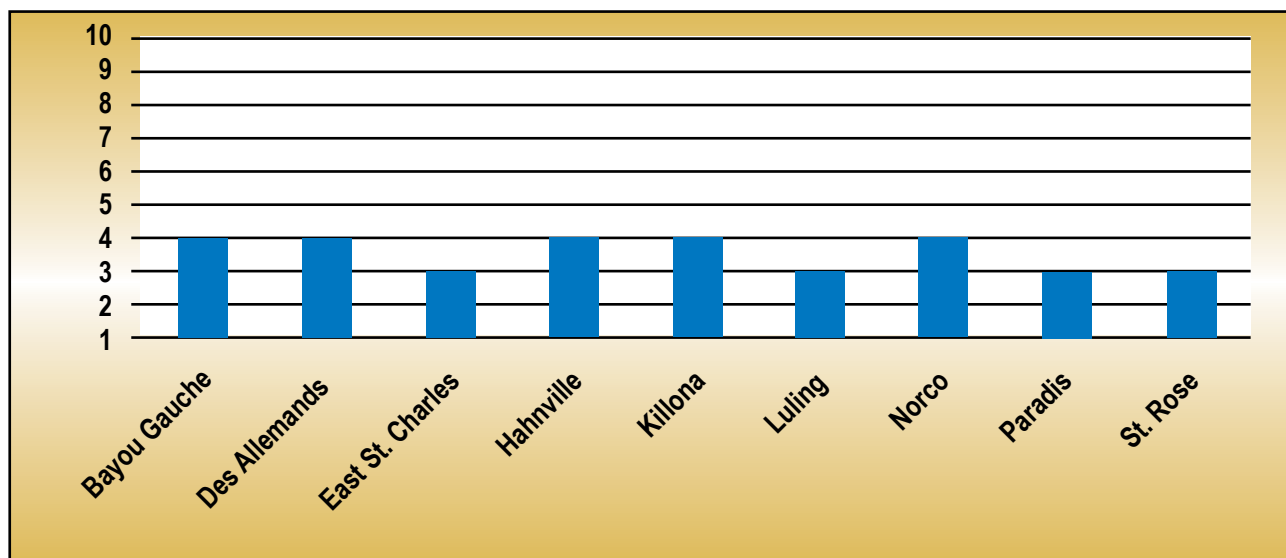


the graded areas. This grade affects the cost of Home and Business owners fire insurance cost. The grading is from 1 as the most efficient through 10 as not so efficient or lacking fire protection. Departments are usually rated every five years.

This grading greatly affects the way the Fire Service spends your tax dollars. Departments attempt to meet PIAL requirements to obtain a lower classification. Some of the requirements are:

- Number and locations of fire stations
- Types and number of apparatus
- Equipment carried on each apparatus
- Number of members/fire fighters
- Training required for fire fighters
- Annual Fire Hydrant Testing
- Annual Building Pre Plans
- Communication equipment radios, pagers for fire fighters

## Current PIAL Ratings Per Department Grading Scale 1 –10, 1 Being Highest 10 Meaning No Fire Protection



## PAID STAFFING

Some departments have employed fire fighters that respond during the weekday, due to the unavailability of volunteer members. The paid staffing helps with hydrant maintenance, pre-fire plans, apparatus and equipment inspection along with fire prevention activities.



## A few of the National Fire Protection Association "NFPA" Requirements that we follow:

- Annual Maintenance Cost to Test: Hoses, Pumps, Ladders, Extinguishers and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Personal Protection Clothing has a life span of 10 years and must be replaced
- Apparatus Tires Must be replaced every 7 years
- Mandates Training Requirements

**WHAT'S THE COST TO OUTFIT A FIREFIGHTER ???**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS YOUR PROTECTION**

- NOMEX HOOD \$36.00
- FIRE HELMET \$265.00
- JACKET / COAT \$1,155.00
- S C B A w/ ALERT \$5,300.00
- SUSPENDERS \$32.00
- PANTS \$730.00
- GEAR BAG \$49.00
- GLOVES \$70.00
- PROTECTIVE BOOTS \$350.00

**GRAND TOTAL \$7,987.00**

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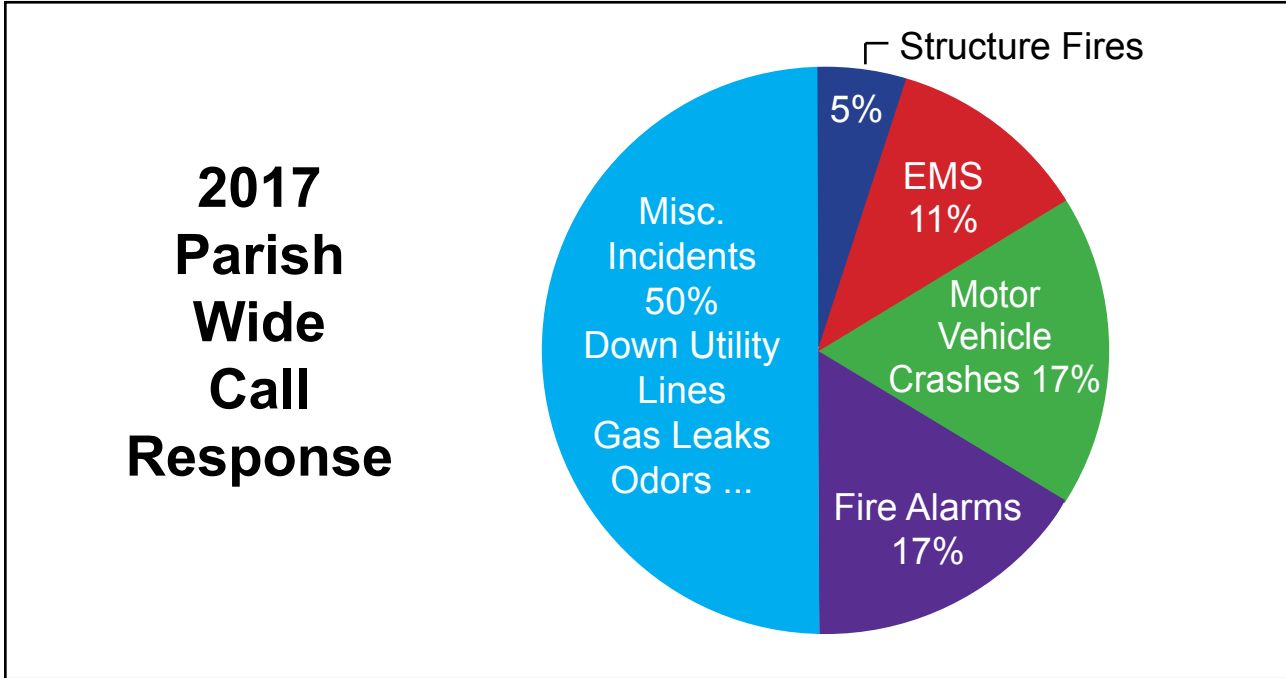


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*Your help is needed!*  
**What if no one answered the call?**

**JOIN YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Recruiting New Members**

**All occupations can play a vital role in supporting your local Volunteer Fire Department!**

**“Fighting Fire Is Not Mandatory”**

**A**s a continued effort in serving St. Charles Parish, the St. Charles Firemen's Association with the assistance of the Fire Chiefs have developed and staffed a Technical Rescue team. Team consist of members from Luling, Hahnville, Norco, St. Rose, East St. Charles and Paradis Fire departments. The team utilizes both career and volunteers for staffing. Our team has the capability to perform



any type of high angle and confine space rescues. This type of service takes several hours of extensive training and expensive equipment to perform adequate service. With the dedicated individuals in the fire service serving St. Charles Parish and the selected individuals on the St. Charles Parish Technical Rescue Team, our path for excellence to protect lives and property in St. Charles Parish is and always be our highest priority.

**WHAT'S THE COST TO OUTFIT A FIRETRUCK ???**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS YOUR PROTECTION**

- LADDERS \$2,000.00
- FIRE HOSE \$5,000.00
- FIRE HOSE NOZZLES \$13,000.00
- BREATHING APPARATUS \$25,000.00
- MASTER STREAM MONITOR \$5,000.00
- AXES, PRY BARS, TOOLS \$5,000.00
- RADIOS \$10,000.00
- FIRETRUCK \$450,000.00**

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