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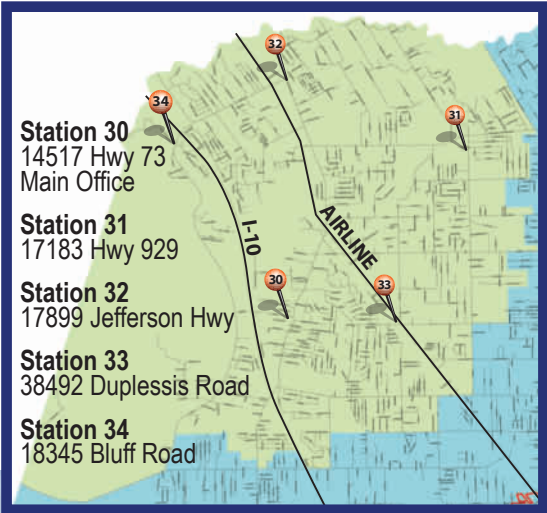
In Any Emergency, Dial 911

New Fire Station

Construction is complete and a new, \$1.4 million station at the corner of Bluff and Alligator Bayou Roads is providing fire protection and EMS services. A new engine/pumper truck is also on standby at Station 34, bringing to five the number of PFD stations.

“We have built two new fire stations in three years to serve the fastest-growing part of our parish,” Chief Stewart said. “As the population and number of structures continue to swell, this new, state-of-the-art facility brings us even closer to the people who need us.”

Opened in June, the 6,000-square-foot station is manned 24/7 with administrative areas, living quarters and laundry facilities. Ample storage areas for equipment and space for a second truck and additional vehicles are available.



Any of our stations will host tours or field trips and may be used for public meetings. Contact us to set up a visit.



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Dear fellow residents,

The Prairieville Fire Department, also known as Ascension Parish Fire District 3, welcomes you to this summary of our activities.

Our number one job is to protect you and to respond to calls for assistance, whether they are fire or medical alarms, hazardous materials or motor vehicle accidents. In short, when you call, we respond.

Continuous efforts to get better have paid off with an improved fire rating that may save you money on insurance. Having been originally rated at class 5, our department worked hard to improve that to class 4. We are very proud to tell you that we have bettered that mark by improving our rating by another level to class 3. We have completed a new station, giving us five with which to respond to your calls. New equipment has been acquired, 10 more firefighters hired to bring our number to 42 and fire safety programs expanded while we continue to budget conservatively with your tax dollars.

As our community continues to grow, it is only natural that the PFD also expands to protect you and respond to your needs. With estimates putting the population of our community at 40,000 people, we take seriously our commitment to protecting each and every one of you.

Please let me know how we can be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

MARK STEWART
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Improved Fire Rating

The Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) annually issues fire ratings and the PFD has improved from a 4 to a 3, potentially saving home and business owners money on fire insurance. Your insurance agent can tell you if you have realized any savings.

"After a comprehensive, detailed look at our operations, the PIAL determined that our department continues to get better at serving the residents of our district," Chief Stewart said. "We want to continue to build new stations, hire more firefighters and be a good steward of taxpayers' dollars and achieve an even better rating in the future."

Ratings are based on a formula of 10% communication and notification to dispatch, 40% water distribution and availability and 50% on how the department operates.

"This improved rating is a testament to hard work and dedication of PFD members," Chief Stewart said.

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Fire Extinguisher Use

Fire extinguishers save lives and are manufactured and labeled for use on specific types of fires: A, wood and paper fires; B, gas and flammable liquids; C, electrical fires. The majority of household extinguishers are good for fighting all three. Have an extinguisher on each floor of your home.

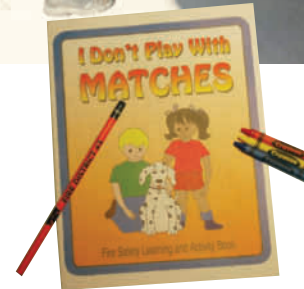
Mount your extinguisher at an exit, in case you need to get out of the structure. Do not keep it in a closet or pantry.

In a fire, before reaching for an extinguisher, dial 911.

Remember P.A.S.S.

- Pull the pin off the extinguisher
- Aim the nozzle at the fire with an exit at your back
- Squeeze the trigger
- Sweep the spray back and forth

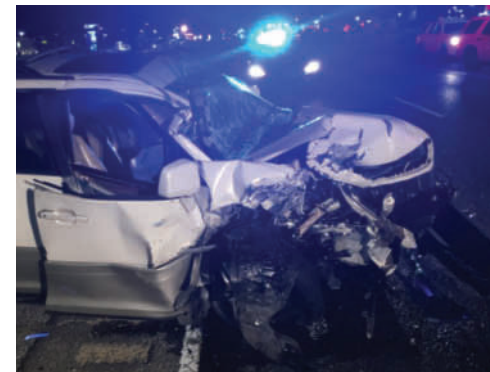
Check extinguishers and smoke detectors twice a year when adjusting clocks for Daylight Saving Time.



Fire Safety/School Visits

Next to staying prepared to respond to your calls for help, teaching children fire safety is one of our most important jobs. We understand that preventing fires and training young people in what to do in an emergency will save lives.

The PFD visits each of the nine schools and several child care centers in our fire district each year, demonstrating our equipment and sharing a safety message. Younger students receive free school supplies and activity books so they can have fun while learning about fire safety.



The Numbers

When you call, we respond, dispatching personnel and equipment to answer thousands of calls for assistance, including fire alarms, emergency medical situations, hazardous materials and motor vehicle accidents. Dial 911 and we'll be there as quickly as possible.

Calls for Service	
2014	2,124
2015	2,099
2016	2,336
2017 to date	1,847

Outfitting a Firefighter

You have to have the proper tools to do a job correctly. Our dedicated, professional firefighters are the backbone of our operation and must have the necessary equipment to safely and efficiently perform their duties and protect you in an emergency. Outfitting our personnel is an expensive, yet priceless effort. Expensive as in to providing the equipment – priceless, when it comes to saving lives.



PFD Captain Nicole Jacks

Helmet with Goggles \$290

Helmet Front \$55

Firefighting Hood \$34

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, SCBA \$4,650

Coat & Pants \$2,235

Firefighting Gloves \$105

Firefighting Boots \$270

Uniform Shirt & Pants \$100

Pick-headed Ax, \$63

Fire Gear Bag \$32

Total \$7,834



Plan Ahead

Make a "fire plan" and discuss it regularly with your family, particularly if you have young children. Everyone should know how to get out in a hurry, where to meet outside and how to call 911. Even if you think you've extinguished a fire, leave it to us to determine if it's really out.