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Ascension Fire Departments Receive Insurance Rebate Checks

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa distributed portions of a fire insurance premium rebate totaling \$473,155.10 from the state’s Fire Rebate Insurance Fund to fire departments across Ascension Parish last week.

The two percent rebate amounts are based on a formula that was set by the state legislature. The annual payments represent funds collected from fees assessed on fire insurance premiums.

The total amount that Ascension Parish received was calculated per capita and category value determined from the total parish population, in addition to the number of persons serviced by each fire service unit.

“It’s an important part of our annual income,” said Donaldsonville Fire Chief Chuck Montero. “Since our portion goes into the city’s general fund, it helps cover all expenses related to the fire department.

The Prairieville Volunteer Fire Department received the largest payment of \$134,050.35, followed by Galvez/Lake Volunteer Fire Department receiving \$67,473.35.

Other fire departments receiving insurance rebate payments include:

- Fire District #2 - \$11,386.93
- Geismar VFD - \$36,771.21
- Fifth Ward VFD - \$23,748.06
- Sorrento VFD - \$21,609.30

- Gonzales Firefighters Association - \$26,041.01
- Seventh District VFD - \$46,164.51
- St. Amant VFD - \$51,084.62
- Gonzales FD - \$28,326.18
- Donaldsonville FD - \$26,499.59



PHOTO CUTLINE – Gathering recently for a presentation of checks from the state’s fire insurance premium rebate program are, from left: Eugene Witek, fire coordinator with Ascension Parish Fire Protection District #1; James E. LeBlanc, fire chief with St. Amant VFD/chairman Fire District #1; Chuck Montero, fire chief with Donaldsonville Fire Department; Mark Steward, fire chief with Prairieville Fire Department; Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa; Nelson Pinion, fire chief with Sorrento Volunteer Fire Department and Tracey Norman, fire chief with Gonzales Fire Department.