



# *Parish of Ascension*

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## **Ascension Fire Departments Receive Insurance Rebate Checks**

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez distributed portions of a fire insurance premium rebate totaling \$455,369.72 to fire departments across Ascension Parish last week.

The rebate amounts are based on a formula that was set by the state legislature in 1989, said Fire District 1 Chairman James LeBlanc. 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.

LeBlanc said the rebate money is used annually by the local fire departments to assist with paying monthly fire station expenses.

The Prairieville Volunteer Fire Department received the largest payment of \$128,912.31, followed by Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department receiving \$64,912.38.

Other fire departments receiving insurance rebate payments include:

- Fire District #2 - \$10,977.57
- Geismar VFD - \$35,397.52
- Fifth Ward VFD - \$22,880.77
- Sorrento VFD - \$20,814.95
- Gonzales Firefighters Association - \$25,080.71
- Seventh District VFD - \$44,430.07
- St. Amant VFD - \$49,159.74
- Gonzales FD - \$27,280.65

- Donaldsonville FD - \$25,523,03



CUTLINE – Gathering recently for a presentation of checks from the state’s fire insurance premium rebate program are, from left: Wanda Martin, president Galvez-Lake VFD; Alden Gautreau, president 7<sup>th</sup> District VFD; Jessie Bartley, treasurer 5<sup>th</sup> Ward VFD, Ascension Parish Council Chairman Chris Loar; Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez; James E. LeBlanc, fire chief St. Amant VFD/chairman Fire District #1; Mark Stewart, fire chief Prairieville VFD and Sarah Pinion, secretary Sorrento VFD.