



# **St. George**

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# **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana**

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The St. George Fire Protection District is pleased to announce the results of its 2009 Property Insurance Association of Louisiana rating evaluation. St. George has retained its Class 2 rating. This assures continued savings on Fire and Casualty Insurance premiums for both residential and commercial properties within the District. These savings have been enjoyed by property owners since the St. George District was first awarded Class 2 rating status in 1998. A Class 2 rating places a department in the top 1.5% to 2% of the almost 50,000 fire departments in the United States. Our next rating evaluation is scheduled to take place in 2014.

The St. George Fire Protection District encompasses an area of over 68 square miles located south and southeast of the Baton Rouge city limits. It is an area with a growing population in excess of 100,000 and contains some of the Metro Baton Rouge area's fastest growing residential and commercial developments. This rating means that the St. George Fire Department has succeeded in keeping up with the challenge presented by the area's rapid growth.

The Department has grown with the area. St. George employs 178 full-time personnel, operating out of eight fire stations, housing eight engine companies and three ladder companies staffed by full-time, career firefighters trained to provide a very high level of fire suppression and fire safety services in addition to providing medical first response and other emergency services for the Citizens of the District.

Further challenges lie ahead as the District continues to grow. Among the changes we have seen and will continue to experience are the relocation of the Woman's Hospital and the medical complex sure to evolve around it, growing residential development - particularly along the Bluebonnet corridor, as well as additions to the Mall of Louisiana retail complex, and the expansion of the Baton Rouge General Bluebonnet Campus and other medical facilities in the area.

Each of these represents a unique challenge to be met by the Department as we continually strive to provide our Citizens with the fire protection and emergency medical services they have come to rely upon and deserve.

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