

- 5th Ward Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for all fire protection and emergency response (medical calls) for the communities of Burnside, Darrow, and Hillaryville. The subdivisions included are: Astroland, Ascension Trace, Pelican Crossing, and Pelican Point, in addition to other homes along Hwy 44 and Hwy 22.
- There are no property taxes collected to pay for fire protection within these areas.
- The Parish has three Fire Districts, #1, #2, and #3. One third of a one half cent sales tax is divided among these three districts. Each Fire District receives approximately \$2.5 million per year from this tax.
- 5th Ward belongs to Fire District #1 along with five other departments. Each department receives approximately \$400,000 from the sales tax to purchase fire equipment, trucks, and stations. A new fire truck costs about \$300,000, and a new fire station costs about \$2.5 million. To outfit a firefighter costs about \$10,000!
- There are 3 part-time paid positions at 5th Ward. The 3 part-time firefighters volunteer additional unpaid hours. They are the only firefighters who are currently volunteering for the 5th Ward. The part time positions are paid by the Parish.
- Volunteers are needed and donations are needed. If you are able to help, please call (225) 473-1960 or send a donation to 5th Ward Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box 341, Darrow, LA 70725. Thank you.

