May 7, 2013 - SFD Maintains Class 1 Rating

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Mayor Cedric B. Glover and Fire Chief Ronald C. Mulford received official notification this week that the City of Shreveport's fire rating will remain Class 1. The lower the class rating (range from 1-10), the higher level of fire service resources, including water supply are said to be available, therefore greater chance at minimizing property damage from a fire.

After completing a full audit and review of the City's fire and water departments, the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) awarded the city an overall rating of 90.58% thus renewing its Class 1 status.

The City received its first Class 1 fire rating in 1998; followed by ratings in 2003 and 2008; and most recently in 2013 by PIAL. The five-year rating serves as a measurement for insurance underwriters to set their fire rates for commercial and residential property in the city.

Areas evaluated by PIAL and the percentage of this year's audit (with the highest possible scores in parenthesis) were:

- Receiving and handling fire alarms: 9.80 % (10%)
- Fire Department Emergency Operations/equipment, Fire Prevention efforts, and training: 46.16% (50%)
- Water Supply: 35.39% (40%)
- A divergence (difference between water and fire percentages) decreased the actual number by -0.77%

By SFD maintaining the Class 1 rating status, commercial and residential property owners in the City of Shreveport will continue save millions of dollars in insurance premiums annually. ###