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The Professional Grading Assistance Program (P-GAP) is a service we at PIAL have been offering since September 2003. This program works to give the fire chief a better understanding of the expectations and workings of the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS).

PIAL will schedule a visit to your department to review current operation procedures, apparatus response, communications, training, water supply or other topics you wish to discuss. Also, we can discuss with you, the new FSRS which goes into effect on January 1, 2017.

The Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) offers this program **free of charge** to the fire department and elected officials. Any fire chief, mayor or parish president can request this service to review current operations and offer suggestions that could assist you in maintaining or possibly, lowering the Public Protection Classification for that graded area.

If you would like to arrange for PIAL to visit your area and assist you with this service, please contact us to set up a meeting. We require that this request must come from the fire chief on fire department letterhead or the primary elected official (mayor/parish president) on letterhead.

Participation in this program will have no negative impact on your grading.

The best time to schedule a P-GAP Meeting is about 2 years out from your next evaluation or right after you get the results from your evaluation so this can be explained and a strategy for improvement can be discussed.

My email address is brabe@pial.org if you choose to send it electronically or if you wish to send it via the USPS, my mailing address is 433 Metairie Rd., Suite 400, Metairie, LA 70005.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at (504) 836-7988.

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