



**PROPERTY
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TO: ALL FIRE CHIEFS IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
FROM: BLAINE RABE, MUNICIPAL DIVISION MANAGER
DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2020

PIAL STATEMENTS OF POSITION

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

1. Off-Duty Response Credit – 2:1 Credit

It was resolved at the November 18, 2020 PIAL Public Protection Advisory Committee meeting and approved at the December 10, 2020 PIAL Board of Directors meeting that the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) will credit each on-call and off-duty firefighter as one-half of an on-duty firefighter. Previously, the manpower credit was one-third for each on-call and off-duty firefighter as compared to an on-duty firefighter.

2. Additional On-Duty Credit for Scheduled Events

PIAL will award credit for time accumulated at scheduled events within the graded area by active on-call and/or active off-duty members. For credit, these events must be conducted within the fire protection area at locations where first responding apparatus and gear are immediately available. During the time of such event(s), members in attendance will be credited as on-duty and considered ready to immediately respond to an emergency in their graded area.

Examples of qualifying events:

- Scheduled Training Meetings
- Scheduled Department Meetings
- Scheduled Department Workdays

Records of scheduled events (including attendees) that occurred during the review period shall be provided to the PIAL Field Representative or submitted with the completed questionnaire for credit to be allocated. The hours submitted **shall** be totaled for the grading period and added to the graded area as On-Duty Credit.

Example – A fire department provides documentation of all the hours during the grading period for the Additional On-Duty Staffing and it totaled up to 10,000 hours. They have a staffing average of 1.5 members for the same grading period and you added the 10,000/8,760 (1.14). The new daily staffing average is 2.64 for the grading period.

Please note that this credit is only available to “active” on-call and/or off-duty firefighters. Honorary, junior, or “support only” members are not eligible for the credit.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Blaine Rabe at (504) 836-7988 or brabe@pial.org.