

***PABI General Membership Luncheon  
April 17, 2013  
Belle Chasse Auditorium***

The April 2013 PABI General Membership luncheon was held at the Belle Chasse Auditorium. Lunch was catered by MeMe's New Orleans Café & Catering. The keynote speaker was Superintendent Roy Robichaux, Plaquemines Parish Fire Department. Superintendent Robichaux stated that in three years the Fire Department has expanded to 86 funded positions and over 300 volunteer positions over seven departments. They are funded via three sources: SAFER Grant, which will end this year; 2% from fire insurance premiums; and sales tax, which is 98% of their funding. Superintendent Robichaux commented that when the SAFER Grant ends the department will be running within budget. He mentioned that the SAFER funds have enabled them to build new stations, including Myrtle Grove, to meet new guidelines which will also lower fire insurance premiums in those areas. As it stands, they will be in line for a good renewal rating which will help as well.



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