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ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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2002 Annual Conference

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments for making our 25th annual conference a huge success. Special thanks go to conference Chairman Elaine Dearmon and President Bill Hunter for the fine job that you did, along with the help of the Mobile County firefighters. Everyone had a good time, learned something new, visited with friends and enjoyed the delicious seafood at the awards banquet. To each of you who did anything to make the conference move smoothly, we appreciate it very much.

The training sessions were very informative. We thank Deputy Chief Doug Sims

and Captain Randy Smith, Mobile Fire Rescue, for the timely subject matter covered in the training sessions they hosted.

We thank Linda Werhle and all of the people at the Holiday Inn who helped make everything come together.

We also extend a thank you to each one of the vendors who attended and supported our conference. You provide up-to-date information and equipment to promote the quality of service that volunteer firefighters are able to provide for their communities.

Make your plans to join us in 2003 in Fort Payne, Alabama in DeKalb County!



President John Miller presented the President's Award to Firefighter Bobby Atkins for more than 35 years of outstanding leadership and service to the citizens of his community in Morgan County.

Wildland Firefighter Training

Lanett Fire Department completed 40 hours of wildfire firefighting training put on by the Chambers County office of the Alabama Forestry Commission. There were 23 firemen

who completed the training. They received hands-on training by helping the Alabama Forestry Commission with some control burning on West Point Lake.



Shown above are firemen on a break, front row, from left, James (Moto) Williams, Alabama Forestry Commission, and Lanett fireman Sam Thrower; back row, Lanett firemen Bill Stepp, Chuck Potts, Kelly Meacham and Hal Shelley.

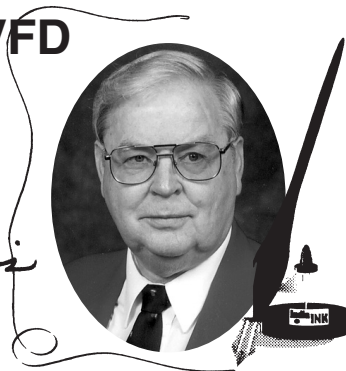
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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Dennis



I wish to thank you for your confidence in me to serve for the eighth time as president of this association. Over these years we have made many changes in our volunteer fire service. Some of the programs this association has implemented are as follows: Alabama became the thirtieth state to join the National Recruitment and Retention program. A request to the Public Service Commission to require power companies to provide a reduced power rate for the volunteer fire departments was successful in 1999. A program to place AEDs in North Alabama became a statewide project, which will be 85% complete by the end of 2002. This association received \$235,000 in grants to apply to this program. An additional grant from ADECA for \$300,000 was also awarded to the association for the AED program. The first Wild Land Fire Prevention Grant was issued to 104 departments or County Associations in 2001-2002. This association sponsored the Second National Fire Service Benefit Summit in March 2002, with 24 states attending.

Two programs approved by the association board failed to make the process. First, a statewide Public Relations recruiting program for the volunteers by Lewis Communications in Birmingham. The cost of this project was estimated to be \$100,000, funding for this program was pending. Second, funding to supplement departments whose annual income is less than \$10,000 per year. This project failed due to this association not getting a commitment for funding from ADECA or our state legislature. These two projects should have top priority of our board for the coming year. I plan to resubmit these projects to the AAVFD board at our next meeting.

If you need to contact me after office hours or on the weekend, you can do so by calling 256-766-4707 or email me at JDden42@aol.com.



"I'm Sorry,
your Honor.
We had to put
the new
fire engine
in next year's
budget!"

2002 Elections

The election of officers for the 2002-2003 year was held at the general membership meeting on Saturday, June 29, in Mobile, Alabama. The following candidates were elected:

President – Johnny Dennis
First Vice President – Joey Boyd
Second Vice President – Clayton Cobb, Sr.
Third Vice President – Steve Dennis
Secretary – Mary Jane Sells
Treasurer – Don Shield

Directors and Alternate Directors were elected from each of the 10 districts and are listed below:

District 1: Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Madison and Marshall counties.

Director – Vernon L. Maroney
Alternate Director – Bobby Abbott

District 2: Blount, Cullman, Jefferson, Shelby, St Clair, Walker and Winston counties.

Director – Roger D. Wilson
Alternate Director – Euell Hodge

District 3: Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter, and Tuscaloosa counties.

Director – Billy Doss
Alternate Director – Clif Homan

District 4: Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega, and Tallapoosa counties.

Director – Stan Merrett
Alternate Director – Willie R. Wise

District 5: Autauga, Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Marengo, Perry, and Wilcox counties.

Director – Danny Orr
Alternate Director – James S. Corley

District 6: Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, and Pike counties.

Director – Kenny Givens
Alternate Director – Kyle Hovey

District 7: Butler, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia, and Monroe counties.

Director – William A. Neal
Alternate Director – Buck Lee

District 8: Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, and Washington counties.

Director – Stanley E. Wood
Alternate Director – Charlie Dixon

District 9: Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Limestone, Lawrence, Marion, and Morgan counties.

Director – Lawrence W. Huffman
Alternate Director – Marvin Putman

District 10: Bullock, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, and Russell counties.

Director – Chris Smith
Alternate Director – Kalyn Ray

Because of space limitations, the phone numbers and addresses for the officers and directors could not be printed/however, if you wish to contact any of them, call the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or toll-free at 1-888-972-2833, and we will be glad to provide you with the necessary information.

Outgoing President John D. Miller, Jr. swore in the officers, directors and alternate directors at the awards banquet on Saturday night.

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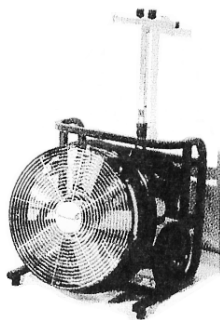
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Sherry Garner Memorial Award



Nominated by the Escambia County Volunteer Fire Association, Ginny Tyler was selected as the recipient of the 2002 Sherry Garner Memorial Award. As a member of Appleton VFD, she has a 95% turnout rate for all calls received by the department, the highest in the department.

Ginny assumed the duties of department training manager, organizing a

system that tracks the qualifications and re-certification dates for all the firefighters in the department. She is the sole person responsible for acquiring a new brush truck for the department.

Ginny has been the key contact point for various fundraisers during the past year, which has included Appleton's Apple-Fest and two yard sales, raising over \$3,000 for the department. She was one of two individuals who signed up households for donations through Southern Pine Electric Cooperative.

Escambia County President Joey Moffett states, "Ginny has raised the quality of community relations between Appleton Fire Department and the Appleton community. In addition to her work in the fire department in the community, this has been accomplished by hosting an annual Easter Egg Hunt, a Christmas Parade and volunteering to assist in fundraisers outside of her department."

2002 Firefighter of the Year

William "Bill" M. Hamman was selected as AAVFD 2002 Firefighter of the Year, not for any heroic deed, but instead for his selfless, day-to-day participation in the Spanish Fort Fire Rescue department in Baldwin County.

Bill coordinated several department projects, including assistance with construction oversight on Station 2, maintenance and painting of all hydrants in the jurisdiction, and keeping business pre-plans up-to-date. For his efforts, he was recognized as "Rookie of the Year". In addition to his "extra" duties, Bill routinely attends weekly training drills and a majority of department work details. Bill has been a top responder since joining the department, making 60% of all responses. Bill has also dedicated an additional 79 service hours in maintenance and prevention activities.



Bill is a single parent raising two teenage daughters. He is active with his church, community and school programs. He is also part of the American Red Cross Disaster Response Group. The ARC recognized him for his volunteerism at a recent awards ceremony. He was chosen by his fellow firefighters as Baldwin County's Firefighter of the Year in 2001.

Baldwin County President Joby Smith states, "I have personally known Bill since he moved to this area, and from day one, he became very active in volunteer work, both in his community and throughout the county." Chief Roger Few added, "Heroes walk amongst us every day, and most go unrecognized. Bill is a hero in every sense of the word, not because of heroic acts he has performed, but because of his day-to-day acts of selfless service to his community."

Competition Results

The Competition this year was held at Battleship Park on Mobile Bay and competition was strong, with competing teams encouraging each other as the firefighters ran each of the events. There were ten departments competing this year, and although all the teams made heroic efforts, the Thomasville VFD Competition Team came away with the gold, winning all three of the scheduled events for the seventh straight year.

East Limestone VFD of Limestone County took second place overall honors, with Lee-Chambers VFD of Lee County taking third place overall. We congratulate the winning teams and each team that competed. We welcome the new competition teams and look forward to seeing all of the teams, those just starting out and the veterans, in DeKalb County in 2003.

Competition Chairman Joey Boyd presented the trophies, along with the cash awards from Treasurer Don Shield, at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. The winners in each event are as follows:

AIR PACK RELAY			OBSTACLE COURSE		
TEAM	SCORE	POINTS	TEAM	SCORE	POINTS
Thomasville	119.44	10 pts	Thomasville	123.71	10 pts
East Limestone	124.43	7 pts	East Limestone	124.09	7 pts
Lee-Chambers	144.69	5 pts	Sylvania	130.50	5 pts
HOSE LAY			OVERALL		
TEAM	SCORE	POINTS	TEAM		POINTS
Thomasville	102.53	10 pts	Thomasville		30 pts
Lee-Chambers	107.41	7 pts	East Limestone		19 pts
East Limestone	111.71	5 pts	Lee-Chambers		12 pts



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FIRE PREVENTION GRANT RECIPIENTS



As required by the Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Program, a final report of your fire prevention program must be submitted to the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments no later than September 30, 2002.

The following information is required:

1. A narrative of what was done on your project.
2. How the funds were actually spent (with receipts).
3. Number of man-hours your department put into the project.
4. Approximate number of people to whom your program was presented.

We thank your department/association for taking part in this fire prevention grant program provided by the Alabama Forestry Commission. Preventing fires saves the volunteer fire service time, money and lives.

Scholarship Winners

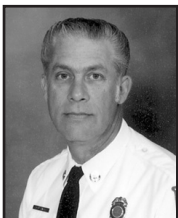
This year's AAVFD Scholarship winners were announced at the 25th annual banquet in Mobile on June 29th. Four \$500 scholarships were awarded this year, and the recipients were James Clayton Elliott, Madrid VFD, Houston County; Daniel Davis Homan, Kennedy VFD, Lamar County; Susan Marie Glass, Langston VFD, Jackson County; and Rebecca McFarlen Jones, New Market VFD, Madison County.

AAVFD scholarships are award on a one-year basis and must be applied for each year regardless of previous applications. To request an application, you may call the Montgomery

office at 1-888-972-2833 or 334-262-2833. Completed applications must be mailed to the Montgomery office, to the attention of the Scholarship Committee, and post marked no later than March 31, 2003.

Results of By-Law Proposals

1. Proposal to reinstate sentence giving any member the right to present an item for consideration at the general business meeting, even though it is not listed on the meeting agenda. **This proposal was approved.**
2. Proposal to allow for the election of officers at the annual meeting each year. **This proposal was approved.**



Don's Perspective

*by Don Shield
Alabama Firefighter*

First, I would like to thank Mobile County for the outstanding conference they hosted this year. I heard nothing but good comments and the Alabama Battleship museum was a highlight, not to mention the superb seafood at the banquet. Thanks for all the hard work you all endured during this last year to make 2002 AAVFD conference a success.

After making the announcement at the general membership meeting that "I would not be seeking re-election next year for the position of AAVFD Treasurer", I have had numerous calls, ques-

tions and support. To clarify the announcement, I never said I was leaving nor taking my support away from the AAVFD, which I have devoted a majority of my time since 1989.

I feel it is time for someone else to be elected to the prestigious position of AAVFD Treasurer, this is a position that requires as much time and dedication as is required of the AAVFD President. I believe I have served the AAVFD well, and hope to serve the AAVFD in other positions. I thank you all for your support in the past years and hope I can rely on your support in the future.

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Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day

The 18th Annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day will be hosted by the Chambers County Fire & Rescue Association and sponsored by the Alabama Forestry Commission's Rural Community Fire Protection Steering Committee.

The RCFP Steering Committee Banquet will be held Friday night, September 20th at the Valley Sportsplex located at I-85 Exit 77 in Valley, Alabama. The host motels will be the Holiday Inn Express (334-756-2000) located in Valley at I-85 Exit 77) and the Econo Lodge (334-768-3500) and Days Inn (334-644-2181) located at I-85 Exit 79. Room rate at the Holiday Inn is \$58.00 plus tax, Days Inn is \$43.95 plus tax, and the Econo Lodge is \$48.95 plus tax.

Competition events will be held the following day, September

21st at the Valley Sportsplex, (I-85 Exit 77). The events will be the Obstacle Course, Water on the Roof and Air Pack Relay. There will also be a Brush Truck competition, along with a cake baking contest and a chili and stew cook off. Vendors will be on hand with their exhibits all day Saturday.

In appreciation for the strong partnership between the volunteer fire service and the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Commission will provide the seventh RCFP Brush Truck to be put on permanent loan to one lucky fire department. Tanner VFD in Limestone County was last year's winner. Registration for the Brush Truck Drawing will begin on Saturday morning.

For more information, you may contact James "Moto" Williams at 334-864-9368 weekdays and 334-863-7560 nights and weekends.

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20st	6:00 p.m.	Banquet
21st	7:00 a.m.	Registration
21st	8:05 a.m.	Captain's Meeting
21st	8:30 a.m.	Competition
21st	9:30 a.m.	Cake & Chili Judging
21st	10:00 a.m.	Stew
21st	10:30 a.m.	Brush Truck Competition
21st	11:30 a.m.	Lunch
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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS statewide continues to pay off in improved ISO ratings. Listed below are changes in ratings.

DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	PRIOR RATING	CURRENT RATING	DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	PRIOR RATING	CURRENT RATING
Effective May 1, 2002				Effective June 1, 2002			
Abernant	Tuscaloosa	—	7/9	Blountsville	Blount	6/9	5/9
Frankville	Washington	9/9	7/9	Cloverdale	Lauderdale	6/9	5/10
Georgia Mountain	Marshall	9/10	5/9	Fayette	Fayette	5/9	4/9
Helwestern	Clarke	9/9	7/9	Limrock/Aspel	Jackson	9/10	7/9
Rabun	Baldwin	9/9	7/9	Nitrate City	Colbert	9/9	5/9
Searcy	Butler	8/9	6/9	Piney Chapel	Limestone	8/9	5/9
Tharptown	Franklin	7/9	5/9				

Congratulations to these departments and their hard working members! Improved ISO ratings are what we are often measured by and it's obvious that Alabama Volunteer Fire Departments measure up!

Nectar VFD, Blount County, recently took delivery of a 2002 Ford F350 rescue truck. The fully equipped ALS truck replaces a 1980 Dodge truck that was on loan from the Alabama Forestry Commission. This is the first "new" truck in the department's 23-year history. Nectar firefighters extend their thanks to the Blount County Healthcare Authority for their assistance in obtaining a new extrication tool and cardiac monitor/defibrillator.

Burnt Corn VFD, Conecuh County, took delivery of a 2002 Freightliner pumper on June 10th.

Warrior River Fire & Rescue Service, Jefferson County, recently took delivery of a 1983 Mack pumper.

Pine Level VFD, Autauga County, recently purchased two new fire trucks to serve the 8,000 residents in their coverage area.

Johnson's Crossing VFD, Cullman County, recently purchased a commercial pumper with a midship mounted pump built on

a Freightliner chassis. The new unit purchased from Sunbelt Fire Apparatus is equipped with the latest and most modern firefighting features available.

Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, took delivery of a state-of-the-art Child Safety House purchased with funds received through Sec. 1701.2(b)(4) Fire Prevention Programs 2001 FEMA Grant Awards.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue, Baldwin County, Firefighter of the Year Bill Hamman was selected by his colleagues based on level of involvement, active participation in responses, as well as training and service hours.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue, Baldwin County, Rookie of the Year honors went to Joe Younts. Rookie of the Year is selected by the firefighters active participation within the department.

Other awards presented by Spanish Fort Fire Rescue, Baldwin County, included: Chris Knight as Top Responder and

Brad Jernigan for service in the area of non-fire suppression activities. The Vanguard Award recognizes members of Spanish Fort Fire Rescue who have attained an established goal. Winners were: Matt Dismuke, Steven Garrett, Roger Few, Bill Hammond, Byron Hayles, Leo Hingley, Duwayne Jackson, Brad Jernigan, Chris Knight and Joe Younts.

The Lacey's Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Morgan County, held an Open House May 18. The department is currently renovating their old station which will be completed by the end of summer.



The theme of this Year's Arson Awareness Week, observed May 5-11, 2002 is "Arson is NOT a Victimless Crime".



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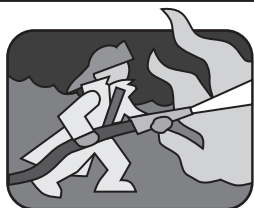
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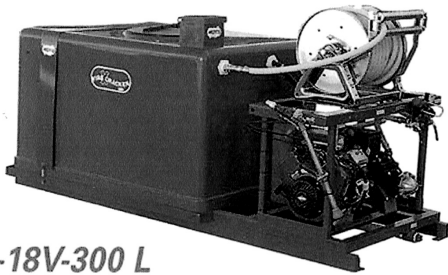


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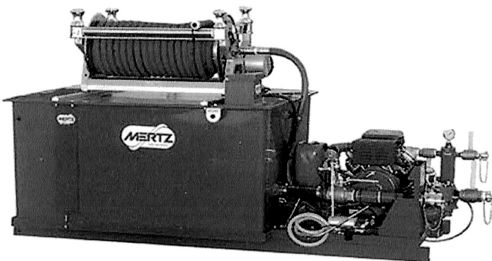
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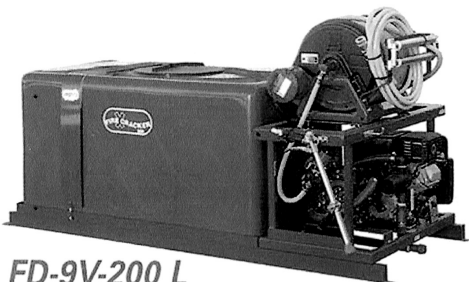
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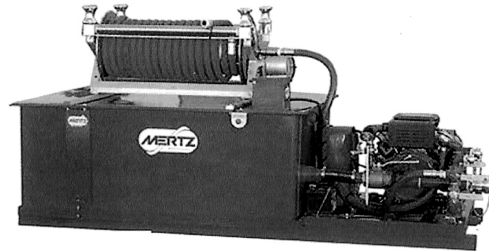
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THE VOLUNTEER EMS CORNER



by Gary Cobb
NREMT

Obligations

Obligation -n. a duty, contract, or promise that compels one to follow a certain course of action.

When we became firefighters and/or emergency medical technicians, we assumed an obligation to help those in our communities who were in need. Maybe we didn't think much about it when we joined our department, but we did make a commitment to our citizens. How well are we meeting those obligations as a firefighter or EMT?

Across Alabama we have hundreds of AEDs that are now in the hands of volunteer firefighters and EMTs. These units were placed in the fire departments as a

result of the work done by Senator Tom Butler, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, the EMS Regions, and others. Work is continuing to try to get these units in every volunteer fire department (that wants one) in the entire State. We have a ways to go, but we are still working on the job.

Each department that has received one of these AEDs also received additional obligations to their community. Did you realize that each of these units come with their own particular obligations to which you and your department are responsible?

What are some of these obligations or responsibilities?

You are obligated to make sure that:

- you are trained in CPR and the use of your unit at least every two years.
- you can operate the machine quickly and effectively.

- your department is paged out when there is a need.

- the unit is delivered to a scene where it is needed in a timely fashion.

- the unit is ready to be used – the battery is good and you have at least two good sets of pads with the unit.

When you received your AED, your department agreed to meet the above obligations. If you are lax in any of these, then you are not fulfilling your obligation to your family, your relatives, and the members of your community.

I would hate to try to explain to a person that had just lost a loved one that the reason we could not save their mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather was because the battery was dead in the unit, or that someone failed to replace the pads in the unit after its last use, or that we forgot how to use the unit. I hope that none of us ever have an obligation to do something like this.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter/EMT Mark D. Mansfield, Career
 Department: Overland Park Fire Dept, Overland Park, KS
 Date of Death: 4/6/02
 Cause of Death: Found dead in his bunk at the fire station from cause still to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Edna Faye Bishop, Volunteer
 Department: Bon Secour VFD, Bon Secour, AL
 Date of Death: 4/7/02
 Cause of Death: Died from injuries sustained when the truck in which she was a passenger overturned en route to fire call.

Name/Rank: Rookie Firefighter Kevin Leo Baker, Volunteer
 Department: Mid-North Johnson Co VFD, Crowley, TX
 Date of Death: 4/7/02
 Cause of Death: Died from apparent heart attack while assisting at scene of gunshot wound transport.

Name/Rank: Captain William "Jackie" Jackson Beard, Jr., Career
 Department: Greensboro FD, Greensboro, NC
 Date of Death: 4/10/02
 Cause of Death: Collapsed of apparent cardiac arrest while participating in live fire training exercise.

Name/Rank: Chief Earl Hemphill, Career
 Department: Russell City FD, Russell, KS
 Date of Death: 4/11/02
 Cause of Death: Struck and killed by piece of fire apparatus that lost its brakes when arriving at motor vehicle accident scene.

Name/Rank: Firefighter William J. Tripp, Jr., Volunteer
 Department: Richford FD, Richford NY
 Date of Death: 4/13/02
 Cause of Death: Died after collapsing at scene of motor vehicle accident while assisting with traffic.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Driver John Nuber, Career
 Department: Erie FD, Erie, PA
 Date of Death: 4/27/02
 Cause of Death: Suffered cardiac arrest shortly after arriving home after being relieved of duty due to feeling ill upon reporting for work.

Name/Rank: Captain Derek Martin, Career
 Department: St. Louis FD, St. Louis, MO
 Date of Death: 5/3/02
 Cause of Death: Died, along with Capt. Robert Morrison, while trying to rescue a trapped firefighter inside a burning two-story brick refrigeration company building.

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Name/Rank: Firefighter Christopher Kangas, Volunteer
 Department: Brookhaven Fire Company, Brookhaven, PA
 Date of Death: 5/5/02
 Cause of Death: Died when struck by vehicle while responding on his bicycle to a fire incident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Thomas W. Kickler, Volunteer
 Department: Laurens County FD, Laurens, SC
 Date of Death: 5/6/02
 Cause of Death: Died of massive heart attack at his home shortly after working a doublewide mobile home fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Joseph Michael Tynan, Jr., Career
 Department: Brookline FD, Brookline, MA
 Date of Death: 5/8/02
 Cause of Death: Succumbed to complications due to injuries received in the line of duty on November 23, 1982 when he sustained a severe head injury when he fell from fire apparatus while responding to alarm.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jeremy Brown, Volunteer
 Department: Screven County FD, Sylvania, GA
 Date of Death: 5/14/02
 Cause of Death: Died of apparent heart attack in one-vehicle accident while responding to call in his private vehicle.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Sekou Turner, Career
 Department: Alameda County FD, San Leandro, CA
 Date of Death: 5/22/02
 Cause of Death: Died of heart attack while working EMS incident.

Name/Rank: Engineer Gerald "Wayne" Allbritton, Career
 Department: Columbus FD, Columbus, MS
 Date of Death: 5/29/02
 Cause of Death: Died in his sleep at fire station soon after returning from emergency call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert Broussard, Career
 Department: Sycuan FD, El Cajon, CA
 Date of Death: 5/31/02
 Cause of Death: Collapsed and died from cardiac arrest while taking annual Pack Test for wildland firefighting certification.

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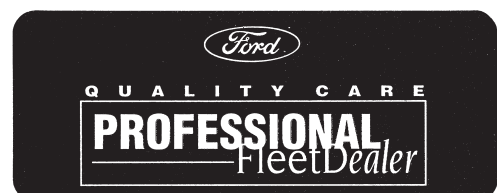
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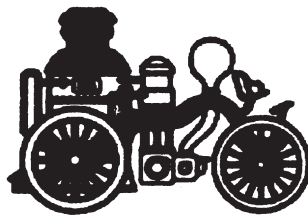


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THE BELL TOLLED

Chief Billy Harbin, Valley II VFD, Jackson County, passed away on Mach 13, 2002. The May issue of the newsletter incorrectly listed Chief Daniel Harbin. Current Chief Daniel Harbin succeeds his father as the chief of the department.

Chief Rex Butts, Marble Valley VFD, Coosa County, died in a head-on collision on May 20, 2002.

Julius Pardue, founding member of Lakeview VFD, Tuscaloosa County, passed away June 7, 2002.

Let us pause a moment to pay our respect to these firefighters for whom the bell tolled that one last time as we offer our prayers and condolences to their families and friends.

If any Volunteer Fire Department (member or not) has a firefighter die in the line of duty or as a result of a line of duty injury (examples: at the scene, going to or from the scene), notify ONE of the following IMMEDIATELY, no matter what day it is or what time of day or night. Johnny Dennis- (256) 766-4707 or Joey Boyd (256) 233-1597; or Clayton Cobb, Sr. (251) 578-2855; or Steve Dennis (334) 283-2110.

A copy of the booklet "Death In Line Of Duty" may be obtained from the Montgomery office. 1-888-972-2833 or www.aavfd.org.

Farm Bill to Benefit Rural Firefighters

On May 13, President Bush signed a \$190 billion farm bill (HR2646) that not only guarantees higher subsidies to farmers across the country, but also provides \$50 million over five years in funding for training scholarships for rural firefighters and EMS personnel and financial assistance to state and regional training centers.

The bill directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide at least 60% of this funding for competitively awarded grants to fund partial scholarships for training personnel in rural areas in firefighting, emergency medical services, and responding to hazardous materials

and bioagents.

The legislation will also provide financial assistance to State and regional centers that provide training for firefighters and emergency medical personnel for improvements to the training facility, equipment, curricula, and personnel. There is a \$750,000 cap on each of these grants.

The USDA Rural Development Division, the agency that will be administering this program, will soon begin putting together the regulations. Funding will not be available until at least next Fiscal Year, which begins in October.

Benefits for Fire Service Survivors

You can access a comprehensive, state-by-state listing of benefits for survivors of firefighters who die in the line of duty at www.firehero.org under the benefits section or contact the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation at firehero@erols.com or 301-447-1365.



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