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ALABAMA'S FIRST INTERAGENCY WILDLAND FIRE ACADEMY

By Tilda Mims

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More than 140 wildland firefighters attended the first-ever Alabama Interagency Wildland Fire Academy May 11-20, 2001, to train in confronting wildland fires that threaten life and property. The academy was developed by the Jefferson-Shelby Wildland-Urban Interface Advisory Board as part of an educational strategy to train firefighters responsible for initial attack of fires occurring in the wildland-urban interface.

The term wildland/urban interface refers to geographical areas where urban structures – mainly residences – are built close to flammable fuels found naturally in wildland areas. The wildland/urban interface creates two major concerns: careless actions by homeowners increase the risk of wildfires and wildfires pose a greater threat to lives, homes and businesses.

Interagency Training Opportunity

House fires are traditionally controlled by structural firefighters using hoses from water mains and hydrants. Wildland firefighters, on the other hand, are usually charged with protection of homes, woodlands and their natural resources. Now that Alabama's larger cities are expanding into forests, valleys and hillsides, structural and wildland firefighters often respond cooperatively to house fires that threaten forested areas and wildland fires that threaten residential areas.

The Academy was the first of its type in Alabama designed for interagency training and cross training. It was especially effective as a networking and team-building tool.

Academy's Success Prompts Another for 2002

Alabama's first Interagency Wildland Fire Academy was a tremendous success. The long-term benefits of the academy were quickly affirmed when 8 structural firefighters and one paramedic trained in the school were sent to Washington State in a 20-man Alabama interagency crew. In November, five more joined a Forest Service crew at the Talladega National Forest in Talladega County.

When planning the 2001 academy, the

Board estimated a class of 60-65 people. Once publicity for the academy began, however, response quickly exceeded the 150 mark. To boost attendance, the Shelby County Fire & EMS Association offered scholarships to Shelby County firefighters. By the end of the event, 145 students had trained in six different classes and 20 received Red Card Certification.

Requests for another academy prompted the Advisory Board to plan a 2002 Academy for April 19-May 10. Eighteen different classes will be offered over a three-week period. Course descriptions, class times and fees, and a registration form are included in this newsletter. Brochures and registration materials will also be mailed out. For more information on the Alabama Interagency Wildland Fire Academy, contact Harry Kepler at 205-339-0929.

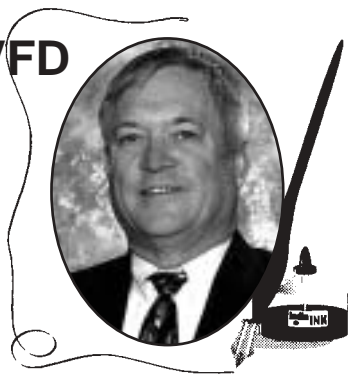


Preparing for a field exercise

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

John D. Miller, Jr.



I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Happy New Year! As president of this organization, I have had the pleasure of attending several county association banquets. It is a real pleasure to be associated with the true heroes of Alabama, the members of the volunteer fire departments across this great state.

As an association, three bills have been presented to the Alabama Senate and House for approval and passage. The first bill deals with Arson related fires, and calls for the charge of murder if a firefighter or any other individual is

killed as a result of the fire. The second bill would prevent an employer from dismissing or taking disciplinary action against a firefighter or emt, who in the performance of their duty related to an emergency situation, is late for work. The third bill would protect a firefighter from having his/her *personnel insurance rates* increased as a result of an accident while driving a fire apparatus. If these important pieces of legislation are to be passed, it will take the *combined efforts* of our membership. I urge each each of you to let your local representatives know how important these bills are to you and the fire service.

The Alabama Joint Fire Council met at the Alabama Fire College on January 11, 2002 to continue discussions with regard to the Alabama Firefighter Memorial. We met with the architect and walked the site of the memorial. When completed, this will be a memorial that all of us can be proud of. Each volunteer fire department should have received a brochure regarding donations and instructions of where to send the funds. With your help, this memorial will be completed in the next eighteen months.

As we begin this new year of service to our communities, I thank each of you for your *dedication* and *desire* to be of service to others.

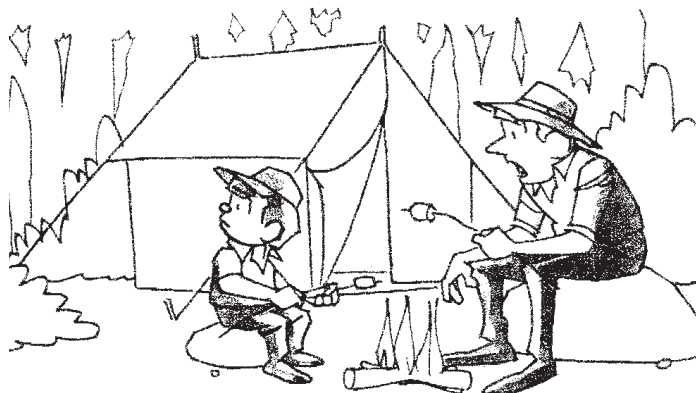
Letter to the Editor:

We Appreciate our Firefighters

Firefighters give of themselves without fail, without hesitation and without question, to make their respective communities safer. They are the epitome of community service.

These dedicated individuals deserve an expression of appreciation from us. We should reflect on the total number of volunteer hours that are accumulated on a yearly basis by volunteer firefighters. Keep in mind that in addition to the rigors of firefighting and the many hours of training associated with it, firefighters give of themselves in many other ways. Their commitment to their communities usually carries over in their active participation in civic, recreational, veterans and other projects. When we come in contact with firefighters, we should shake their hands and thank them for all they do for us.

A Thankful Alabamian



"They're crickets, not beepers."

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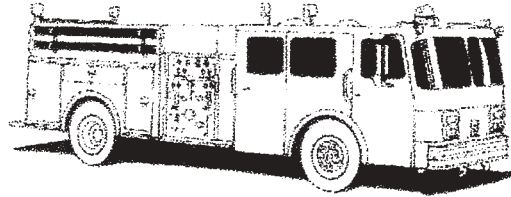
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From Here and There

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 November, 2001				Effective December, 2001			
Akron	Hale	10	7/9	Emerald Mountain	Elmore	9/9	4/9
Bethel-Gum Pond	Morgan	9/10	5/9	Nymph	Conecuh	9/9	7/9
Brownville-Owassa	Conecuh	9/9	6/9				
Lockhart	Covington	7	6/9				
White Oak	Colbert	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!

Marshall County Association held their Firefighter Banquet on January 17th.

Luverne VFD, Crenshaw County, placed in service a new Deep South 1850 Gallon tanker on a 1994 Chevrolet Kodiak chassis.

Congratulations to Chris Burnside, Pea Ridge Fire & Rescue, Shelby County, who was honored as Fireman of the Year at their Firefighter Appreciation Dinner on December 6th.

Mud Tavern Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Morgan County, held its annual Awards Dinner on December 8th. Congratulations to Richard Ennis, EMT of the Year; Michael Greenwell, Rookie of the Year; Paul Kitchens, Firefighter of the Year; and Kim Kitchens, Outstanding Service Award of the Year.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, held its annual Awards Dinner on December 8th. Congratulations to Vincent Ferraro, Officer of the Year; Sue Starr, Firefighter of the Year; John Gulley, Rookie of the Year; and Linda Rowell, Outstanding Firefighter of the Year.

Congratulations to Jacques Prescott who was honored as Firefighter of the Year by Thomasville VFD, Clarke County.

Members of the Thomasville, Fulton, Grove Hill, Antioch, Seyrene-Chance and Coffeerville VFD, Clarke

County, attended a hazardous materials course presented by Loss Control of Rome, Georgia. The course covered many aspects of dealing with hazardous materials, including running through various leak scenarios, such as valving off a mock sulphuric acid leak.

Springville VFD, St. Clair County, hosted an EVOC course in January.

Lacey's Spring VFD, Morgan County, participated in the Huntsville Christmas Parade. Their rescue vehicle was purchased from Morgan County Association.



Editor's Note: If you would like an event or item to appear in "From Here and There", please submit it to the Montgomery office before the 15th of the month prior to publication. Next deadline will be February 15, 2002 for the March issue.

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AAVFD Scholarship Deadline is March 31, 2002

The deadline for scholarship applications is March 31, 2002. This makes it possible for each winner to be recognized at the school during graduation ceremonies.

Each year four scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each is awarded. Each scholarship is given on a one-year basis and must be applied for each year regardless of previous applications. Applications must be mailed to the Montgomery office to the attention of Scholarship Chairman Roy Adamson and postmarked no later than March 31, 2002. For information on applying, contact the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

CFSI Announces Theme for Fourteenth Annual Tribute

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is proud to announce the theme of the Fourteenth Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars to be held April 18, 2002. The theme of this year's dinner is, "Protecting Our Nation." In part, this theme was inspired by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. On that day, Americans came to understand the unshakable resolve of our nation's first responders. It was a day in which the virtues of a democratic society triumphed over the ruthless actions of cowardly terrorists. "In many ways, September 11th represented a new D-Day, a day in which Americans witnessed ordinary men and women performing extraordinary things in defense of our nation's safety and security," said CFSI Executive Director Bill Webb.

The event on April 18th will in part to recognize the valor of those who gave their lives in the terrorist attacks, but it will also reflect on the contributions of all first responders willing to risk their lives every day in the line of duty. This year's dinner promises to be a spectacular event attended by Congressional leaders and fire service leaders from around the country.

Annual Dues Reminder

Annual dues to AAVFD were due on January 1, 2002 and should be sent to the Montgomery office. At the annual conference in August, the general membership voted to raise membership dues to \$35.00 per department for county associations with 100% membership, and dues for individual fire departments were raised to \$40.00 per department.

If you have not sent in your dues, please take a moment to do this now. If you are not a member and wish to be, contact the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833, and we will be glad to provide you with membership information.

Annual Award Nominations Due By May 30, 2002

Each year the Association presents an award for Firefighter of the Year and the Sherry Garner Memorial Award. The Sherry Garner Memorial Award honors Alabama's first lady firefighter lost in the line of duty.

The nominated individual must be a member of a volunteer fire department that is a current member of AAVFD. No form is necessary. Recommend the firefighter and tell why you think he or she should be recognized. Attach statements by others, if you wish.

These awards are not for valor. Information about a heroic act may be included in some recommendations, but these acts are not necessary to be eligible for one of these awards. There are many far-above-average personnel around this state who have not yet been singled out for their volunteer service to their communities. This is your opportunity to recognize that person for the many significant contributions that they have made.

Nominations must be mailed to the AAVFD office no later than May 30th. The awards will be presented at the annual Conference in Mobile in June.

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Frisco City Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Departments from six counties respond to blaze in Frisco City

Firefighters from six counties toiled for three hours on a Wednesday in November to put out the racing flames that gutted four buildings, threatened City Hall and marred the face of downtown Frisco City.

Destroyed were two vacant store buildings, Peoples Drugs and Barfield's Jewelry. Smoke and water did minimal damage to City Hall and an adjoining furniture store. Workers and townspeople rushed to get records and computers out of City Hall. Water sprayed from several directions on the flames as black smoke billowed into the sky. A military helicopter flew overhead, as well as smaller planes.

Twenty-seven fire departments from surrounding counties responded about noon to the two-story structure fire. By the time the blaze was put out, a third of the buildings in this Monroe County town's historic downtown had been destroyed or damaged. "The whole town would have gone



up if we hadn't had help", said Frisco City Firefighter Keith Moulton. Firefighter Jerry Chandler stated, "I'm going to shake everybody's hand who came out". Mayor Dot Sims said, "Frisco City has a lot of rebuilding to do, but if it had not been for the help of neighboring fire departments, we would have lost the town".

At a time of crisis words cannot express the heartfelt thanks that we as a town and community felt. November 14th brought to our attention the many volunteers that stand ready to assist in any crisis.

Again we say thank you.

Fire Departments that responded to the fire:

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Don's Perspective

by Don Shield
Alabama Firefighter

This fact sheet details the PSOB program of the Federal Government. The State of Alabama basically has the same program using the same guidelines of the Federal government. Remember if a death occurs in your department, it is imperative that you contact AAVFD officers so that correct procedures are followed in a timely manner. Certain procedures are a must to receive benefits.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Fact Sheet
Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

History

The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Act (42 U.S.C. 3796, et seq.) was enacted in 1976 to assist in the recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers and firefighters. Specifically, Congress was concerned that the hazards inherent in law enforcement and fire suppression and the low level of State and local death benefits might discourage qualified individuals from seeking careers in these fields, thus hampering the ability of communities to provide for public safety.

The PSOB Act was designed to offer peace of mind to men and women seeking careers in public safety and to make a strong statement about the value American society places on the contributions of those who serve their communities in potentially dangerous circumstances.

PSOB Program Benefits

The PSOB Program provides a one-time financial benefit to the eligible survivors of public safety officers whose deaths are the direct and proximate result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. The benefit was increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for deaths occurring on or after June 1, 1988. Since October 15, 1988, the benefit has been adjusted each year on October 1 to reflect the percentage of change in the consumer Price Index. For fiscal year 2001, the benefit is \$151,635.

The PSOB Program provides the same benefit to public safety officers who have been permanently and totally disabled by a catastrophic personal injury sustained in the line of duty if that injury permanently prevents the officer from performing any gainful work. Medical retirement for a line of duty disability does not, in and of itself, establish eligibility for PSOB benefits.

Since 1977, on average, the PSOB Program has received 275 benefit claims each year for line of duty deaths of public safety officers. PSOB Program staff respond rapidly and with sensitivity to requests for assistance from claimants and public safety agencies. They also provide moral support and, when necessary, referrals to organizations such as Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), which can provide long-term support for surviving family members and co-workers of deceased public safety officers.

Disability Benefits

Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers, firefighters, and members of public rescue squads and ambulance crews are covered for catastrophic personal injuries sustained on or after November 29, 1990. The public safety officer must be separated from his or her employing agency for medical reasons, and must be receiving the maximum allowable disability compensation from his or her jurisdiction, in order to initiate a claim for PSOB disability benefits. Eligible officers may include persons who are comatose, in a persistent vegetative state, or quadriplegic.

Public Safety Officers Eligible for PSOB Program Benefits

Under the PSOB Program, a public safety officer is a person serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or member of a public rescue squad or ambulance crew. Law enforcement officers include, but are not limited to, police, corrections, probation, parole, and judicial officers. Volunteer firefighters and members of volunteer rescue squads and ambulance crews are covered under the program if they are officially recognized or designated members of legally organized volunteer fire

departments, rescue squads, or ambulance crews.

To be eligible for benefits, a public safety officer's death or total and permanent disability must result from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Line of duty is defined in the PSOB regulations (28 CFR 32) as any action that the public safety officer whose primary function is crime control or reduction, enforcement of the criminal law, or suppression of fires is authorized or obligated by law, rule, regulation, or condition of employment or service to perform. Other public safety officers – whose primary function is not law enforcement, fire suppression, rescue squad, or ambulance duties when the fatal or disabling injury is sustained.

For PSOB Program benefits to be paid, a public safety officer must be survived by an eligible survivor; public safety officers cannot predesignate their beneficiaries.

No PSOB Program benefit can be paid:

If the death or permanent and total disability was caused by the intentional misconduct of the public safety officer or if the officer intended to bring about his or her own death or permanent and total disability.

If the public safety officer was voluntarily intoxicated at the time of death or permanent and total disability.

If the public safety officer was performing his or her duties in a grossly negligent manner at the time of death or permanent and total disability.

To a claimant whose actions were a substantial contributing factor to the death of the public safety officer.

To noncivilian members of the military serving as law enforcement officers, firefighters, or rescue squad or ambulance crew members, or to any of their survivors.

PSOB Benefits do not cover death or permanent and total disability resulting from stress; strain; occupational illness; or a chronic, progressive, or congenital disease (such as heart or pulmonary disease), unless there is a traumatic injury that is a substantial contributing factor in the death or permanent and total disability. Medical proof of traumatic injury (such as a blood test for carbon monoxide poisoning) may be necessary for coverage in these cases.

Filing a Claim

Eligible survivors or disability claimants may file claims directly with BJA or through the public safety agency, organization, or unit in which the public safety officer served. In most cases, the public safety agency provides BJA with sufficient information to determine whether the circumstances of the death or permanent and total disability support a benefit payment. The public safety agency prepares a Report of Public Safety Officer's Death or Permanent and Total Disability Claim Form to accompany the claim for death benefits completed by the eligible survivor(s) or, in the case of disability claims, the prerequisite disability certification package completed by the injured officer. BJA will determine whether and to whom a benefit should be paid.

For Further Information

For more information about the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program or to share your observations and recommendations, please contact:

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Rutledge Volunteer Fire Department

Rutledge VFD held a dedication ceremony for its newly constructed and long-awaited fire station on November 11, 2001.

Established in 1973, the Rutledge Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department had long outgrown its small wooden firehouse and, according to Chief David Sanders, "It took us two years to get to this point. There are many benefits with the new building, but certainly an important aspect is that our trucks will now be securely out of the cold weather." The department has three fire pumper apparatuses. The main suppression unit holds a pump capable of pumping 1,000 GPM. The additional two quick-response units have a 200 GPM and 180 GPM pump on them.

more than \$91,000, contains bays for three fire trucks and also an enclosed classroom for training and record keeping. The building project was funded as part of the US Department

of Agriculture's Community and Economic Development Project in Crenshaw County. The project was paid for in two parts - \$53,000 in a low interest loan and \$38,500 in a grant.



The new building, built at a cost of

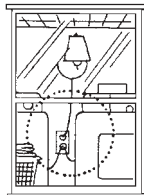
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Keep your home FREE OF FIRE HAZARDS

The best way to ensure your safety from fire is to inspect your home regularly for:

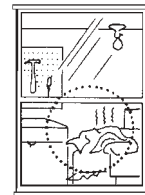
ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- Are any extension cords or circuits overloaded?
- Do all appliances work properly?
- Are cords in good condition and properly placed (never near radiators, through doorways, under carpets, or tacked to walls)?



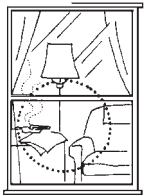
POOR HOUSEKEEPING HABITS

- Are gasoline and other flammable or combustible materials stored properly?
- Do you properly dispose of trash, old clothes, rags, boxes, etc., rather than allowing them to pile up?
- Are the oven and burners of your stove free of grease?



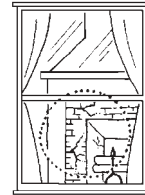
CARELESS SMOKING HABITS

- Do you insist on NO SMOKING in bed?
- Are you careful about where you empty ashtrays?
- Do you double-check for smoldering smoking materials or hot ashes on upholstered furniture before you go to bed?



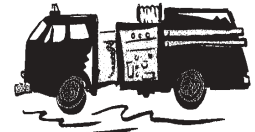
HEATING HAZARDS

- Are there any cracks or loose bricks in your chimney?
- Is your chimney cleaned and checked regularly?
- Is all heating equipment maintained properly?
- Is your woodstove properly installed?
- Do you report potential hazards to the apartment owner?





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- Example: 50 markers = \$ 600 profit**
- 100 markers = \$ 1,200 profit**
- 200 markers = \$ 2,400 profit**
- 500 markers = \$ 6,000 profit**

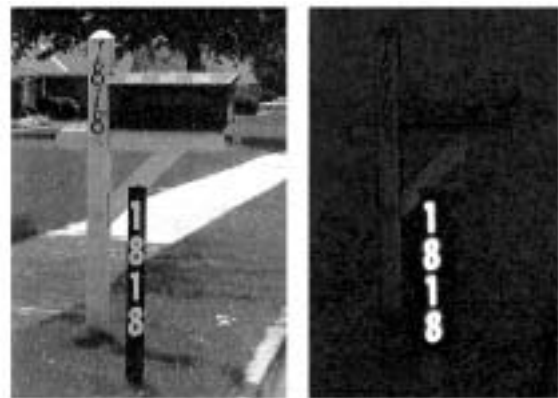
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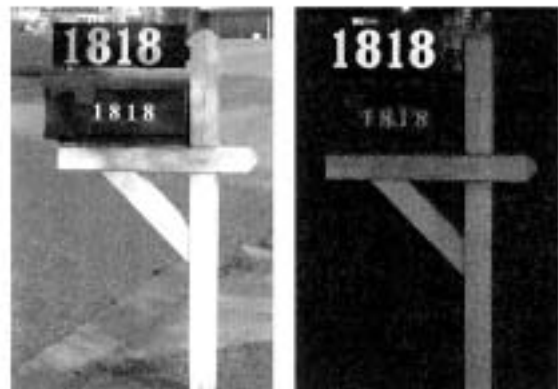
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CLASS FEES – Class fee of \$10 per day includes materials, breakfast and lunch.

BASIC WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER

TRAINING combines 4 entry-level courses into a five-day unit. Designed to train new firefighters and as a refresher course for returning firefighters.

S-130 Basic Firefighter Training & S-190 Wildland Fire Behavior Basic incident management, firefighting techniques, equipment, safety, strategy/tactics and fire behavior. Includes valuable field experience.

S-205 Fire Operations in the Urban Interface Trains initial attack incident commanders and company officers in confronting wildland fires.

I-100 Introduction to Incident Command System ICS organization, terminology and responsibilities

- Prerequisites: None
- Completion of 5-day unit and pack test required for red card certification
- Students **are not** required to take a pack test to complete this unit
- Session A - April 19-21 & April 27-28
- NOTE – April 19th class 1800-2200
- Session B – April 22-26
- Fee: \$50.00

WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION

S-212 Wildland Powersaws Proper use of chainsaws and techniques necessary on an incident. For wildland and prescribed fire crew members. Prerequisites: S-130/190

Dates April 23-25 Fee: \$30.00

S-217/270 Basic Air and Helicopter Operation

Knowledge and skills for working on fire and non-fire projects around aircraft. Prerequisites: S-130/S-190

Dates: April 22-26 Fee: \$50.00

S-131 Advanced Firefighting Training Training for advanced wildland firefighters and squad bosses.

Prerequisites: S-130/190

Dates: April 26-27 Fee: \$20.00

S-230 Crew Boss (Single Resource) Training for crew boss on a wildland fire incident. Call for prerequisites

Dates: April 27-29 Fee: \$30.00

S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use Knowledge, skills of portable pump operations. Prerequisites:

S130/190

Dates: May 3-4 Fee: \$20.00

S-359 Medical Unit Leader Training for medical support of fire line crews. Prerequisites: EMT and S-110/260,

I-100/200/300

Dates: April 20-21 Fee: \$20.00

S-260 Interagency Incident Business Management

Entry-level logistics and finance/administration positions, helicopter managers and single resource positions in the Incident Command System. Prerequisites: None

Dates: May 1-2 Fee: \$20.00

Southern Engine Academy is designed to train firefighters in the use of wildland pumpers and brush trucks during wildfire and urban interface incidents.

Prerequisites: S-130/190/211/131

PMS 419 Engine Operator

Dates: May 5 - 10 Fee: \$50.00

PRESCRIBED FIRE

AFS-RxBoss State Prescribed Burn Manager

Curriculum for state prescribed burn bosses.

Prerequisites: None

Date: May 7-10 Fee: \$40.00

Prevention

P-151 Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination

Trains potential wildfire investigators

Prerequisites: S-130/190

Date: April 26-28 Fee: \$30.00

P-301 Wildland Fire Prevention Training

Intermediate training for persons with fire prevention planning responsibilities. Prerequisites: None

Dates: May 4-6 Fee: \$30.00

OTHER COURSES

ATV/4-Wheeler Operation Basic training in fire application of ATV/4-wheelers, operation, equipment and safety. Prerequisites: S-130/190

Date: April 29 Fee: \$10.00

Global Positioning Systems GPS application in firefighting. Prerequisites: None

Dates: April 20-21 Fee: \$20.00

Transport/Dozier Proper operation of transport/dozier in fire suppression, personal safety and maintenance.

Prerequisites: None

Dates: April 30-May 3 Fee: \$40.00

For information, contact
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Wildland Fire Academy Registration/Nomination Form

Please print or type

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

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Shirt Size _____ Pants Size _____ Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Please X the course(s) you will be attending:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Wildland Firefighter Training <u>Session A</u> | Class Fee | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Wildland Firefighter Training <u>Session B</u> | Class Fee | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S-212 Wildland Powersaws | Class Fee | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> P-301 Wildland Fire Prevention Training | Class Fee | _____ |
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

FEDERAL AGENCY EMPLOYEES MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

List training completed and dates pertinent to the courses selected:

List your past qualifications pertinent to the courses you have selected:

Nominee's Signature: _____ Working Job Title _____

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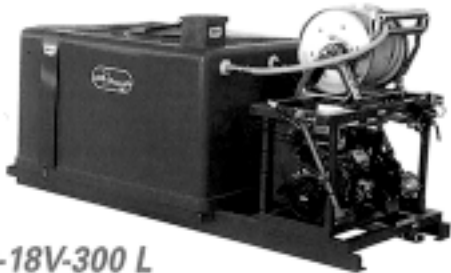


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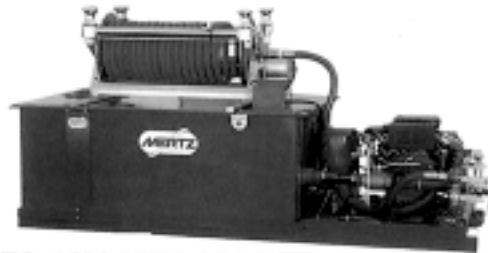
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2002 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 28 and 29, 2002, in Mobile, Alabama and will be hosted by the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The host motel will be the Holiday Inn (formally Ramada Inn, 600 S. Beltline Hwy, Mobile, AL 36608. The cost of the rooms will be \$70.00 plus tax. Reservations can be made by calling 251-334-8055 or 1-800-752-0398. A block of 140 rooms is being held for AAVFD members. Rates are good Wednesday through Sunday.

Pre-registration for the Conference will be \$20.00 per person and registration at the Conference will be \$25.00 per person. This price will include the Friday

night cookout meal and the Saturday night banquet.

This will be a great time to be in Mobile! In 2002, Mobile began a year-long 300-year celebration of the city's heritage with the opening of the Tricentennial Celebration with many events scheduled throughout the year. The Tricentennial Celebration will display Mobile's culture for the world to see!

For questions concerning Conference 2002, please contact:

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Reservations can be made beginning January 2, 2002. Be sure to state that you are attending the AAVFD Conference. Pre-registration is \$20.00 per person and registration will be \$25.00 per person at the conference. Please complete the pre-registration form below.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Department:	David Ray Rendek, Career Bitterroot National Forest, Hamilton, MT	Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Blackman VFD, Baker, FL 9/26/01 After removing his young daughter and working with responding firefighters to extinguish bathroom fire in his own residence, he complained of chest pain and died from apparent heart attack enroute to hospital.
Date of Death: Cause of Death:	9/3/01 Struck by falling tree while fighting wildfire in Bitterroot National Forest.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Captain Jay Jahnke, Career Houston FD, Houston, TX 10/13/01 Became trapped, along with many building residents, on fifth floor of 40-story burning building while conducting search and rescue operations. He later died from apparent smoke inhalation.
Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	William E. Bennett, Volunteer Kennedy VFD, Kennedy, NY 9/4/01 Killed in a motor vehicle accident while responding to emergency call.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter Kenneth J. Frayne, Volunteer Channahon Fire Protection District, Channahon, IL 10/13/01 Died during dive rescue training.
Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Lieutenant Robert Augustyn, Career Cicero FD, Cicero, IL 9/7/01 While spotting the driver as he backed the engine to exit accident scene in traffic-congested roadway, he slipped and became trapped under the engine and later died of internal injuries.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Captain Bob Marsh, Volunteer Cal Nev Ari VFD, Las Vegas NV 10/14/01 Suffered fatal heart attack while responding to reported vehicle accident.
Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter/Engineer Allan Marriott, Volunteer Port Townsend FD, Port Townsend, WA 9/8/01 Collapsed of a cardiac event while performing fire ground operations.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter Michael Elliott, Volunteer Maple Rapids FD, Maple Rapids, MI 10/24/01 Hit by tree when performing storm-watch duties while community was under a tornado warning.
Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Fire Police Lieutenant Willie Barns, Volunteer Country Lakes Volunteer Fire Co. # 1, Browns Mills, NJ 9/16/01 Died of apparent heart attack while responding in his private vehicle to work a traffic control point following a transformer fire that had disabled traffic lights in area.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter William Howzdy, Volunteer Glenn Dale Fire Association, Glenn Dale, MD 10/25/01 Heart Attack
Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter Clarence Kreitzer, Volunteer Bowie VFD Company 19, Bowie, MD 9/25/01 Died of apparent heart attack shortly after returning home from working at the site of a tornado touchdown on the campus of University of Maryland in College Park, MD.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Senior Firefighter Dennis "Denny" Dart, Volunteer Sugar Camp VFD, Rhinelander, WI 11/2/01 Died after suffering heart attack while at scene of vehicle fire.
Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter Bradley Golden, Volunteer Westmoreland Fire District – Lairdsville FD, Clinton, NY 9/25/01 Trapped and overcome by rapid fire progress on second floor of abandoned house where firefighters had set a sofa bed on fire to create smoke for a rescue drill.	Name/Rank: Department: Date of Death: Cause of Death:	Firefighter George F. Danielson, Jr., Volunteer Mine Hill FD, Mine Hill, NJ 11/9/01 Died from multiple injuries sustained when struck by private vehicle while directing traffic in front of firehouse as fire engines were returning from fire scene.
Name/Rank:	Captain Neil Woodward, Volunteer		<i>"Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die." - G. K. Chesterton</i>

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Federal Death Benefit Increased for 2001 Survivors

In recognition of the important contributions of America's public safety officers, Congress raised the one-time federal benefit to \$250,000 under the Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) Program. This payment is effective for eligible line-of-duty deaths or disability occurring on and after January 1, 2001.



About The Volunteer: The *Volunteer* is issued 6 times a year: in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov. Articles, information, and advertisements for the newsletter must be in Montgomery not later than the 15th of the month before publication.

Articles & Information: Submissions of articles, letters, and information for inclusion in this newsletter are greatly appreciated and encouraged. All submissions must include the name, address and telephone number of the sender. No libelous or slanderous material will be published. We reserve the right to edit for length, corrections, and style.

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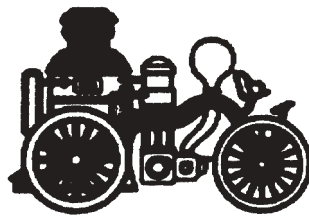
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THE BELL TOLLED

Grover Turberville, Finchburg VFD, Monroe County, passed away in 2000. He was one of the founding members when the department was formed in 1971.

Alfred James Stabler, Sr., Finchburg VFD, Monroe County passed away November 8, 2001. He was one of the founding members when the department was formed in 1971.

Billy Frederick, Detroit VFD, Lamar County, passed away November 29, 2001. He recently retired as Lamar County EMA Director. Billy was also a past-member of the Board of the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute.

Chief Carl Vincent Stabler, Finchburg VFD, Monroe County, passed away December 1, 2001. He was a member of the department for 12 years and served as chief the past four years.

Walter McBurney, Beauregard VFD, Lee County, passed away on December 11, 2001.

Neal Dispennett, Georgia Mountain VFD, Marshall County, passed away December 12, 2001. He was a member of the department for over 25 years.

Bobby Upton, Beat 1 and Rocky Hill VFD, Monroe County, died of a massive heart attack on December 27, 2001. He had served as a faithful member of both fire departments for over 30 years.

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. John Miller- (256) 990-8702 or Joey Boyd (256) 233-1597; or Clayton Cobb, Sr. (251) 578-2855; or Steve Dennis (334) 283-2110.

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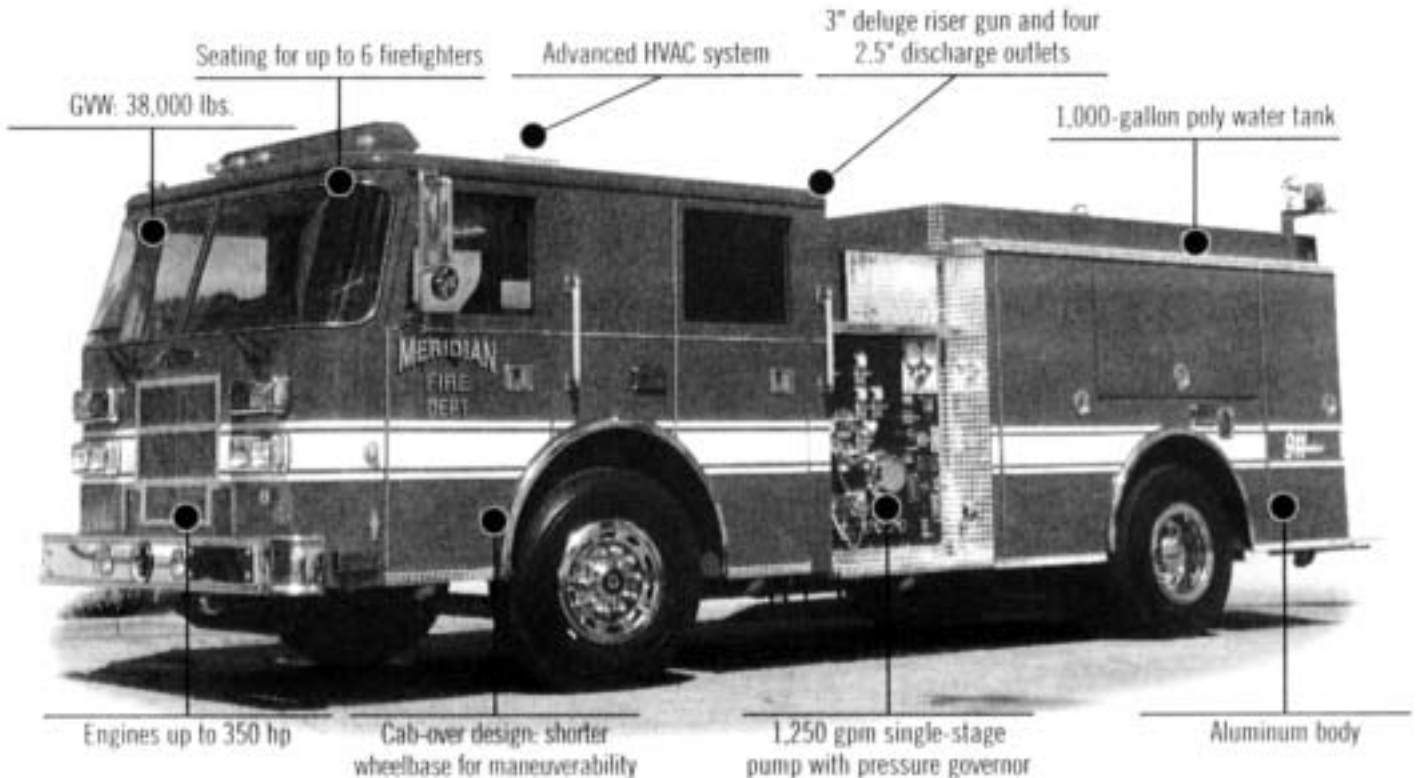
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