

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

John D. Miller, Jr.



As the end of my term as president of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments comes to an end, I want to thank the members of the association for this opportunity. It has been a great honor to serve side by side with each of you in the fire service. During my tenure, I was able to attend many of the coun-

ty association dinners and learn first hand the time and effort each of you devote to your communities.

This year, our annual meeting will be held in Mobile on 28-29 June. I encourage you to make plans to be in attendance at this meeting. The meeting provides the opportunity to renew old and establish new friendships.

This meeting is important, as we will elect the officers and directors for the upcoming year.

Efforts are still underway to construct a Firefighter Memorial at the Alabama Fire College. If your department or county association has not purchased a brick, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. There are no state funds available for this project and your help is needed if we are to properly honor our fallen firefighters.

Again thanks for a great year, look forward to seeing you in Mobile.

9th Annual Life Safety Achievement Award Campaign

by *John Robison, State Fire Marshal*

The Residential Fire Safety Institute has announced the 9th Annual Life Safety Achievement Award Campaign to recognize fire departments in each state who experienced no fire related deaths during the calendar year 2001.

I am proud to say that several fire departments in Alabama have qualified for these awards in years past, but am saddened to say that most departments qualifying do not submit applications to The Residential Fire Safety Institute for recog-

ognition. Unless the departments make application, the institute has no way of knowing who they are and therefore never issue the appropriate certificates.

It has been my pleasure to co-sign these awards each year and I look forward to doing so later this year. In some cases it has been possible for me to personally present the certificates during local fire department Fire Prevention Week activities and this year every effort will be made to do that in every case. I personally challenge every fire department in Alabama qualifying for this recognition to do so,

thereby making it impossible for me to visit each department between October 6th and 12th.

Fire prevention is the first job of every fire department and the elimination of fire related deaths is a direct result of everyone's fire prevention activities.

The deadline for this year's applications is July 31st. For more information contact Roy Marshall at 712-829-2734 or Dana Bies at 763-416-0527 or check website: firesafehome.org



Don's Perspective

by *Don Shield*
Alabama Firefighter

The Alabama Legislative session for 2002 has come and gone with no appreciable results, granted some city/county fire service bills made it through the hoops. By visiting the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute web site www.RCFPI.com, and opening legislation, you can see for yourself. Until such

time as the fire service addresses the issue of not having fire service members in the House and Senate speaking for the fire service, we will be fighting a battle that can't be won from the outside. Granted the Alabama fire service does have supporters in the legislative bodies and we appreciate these legislators, we also need some with

direct ties to the Alabama fire service.

Addressing issues within the Alabama Fire Service as individuals is not going to make it in today's society; NUMBERS count and NUMBERS are counted when addressing issues. The day when the emergency services of Alabama come together as

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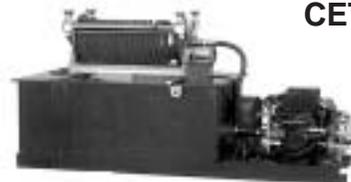
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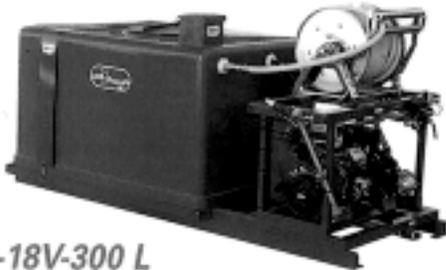
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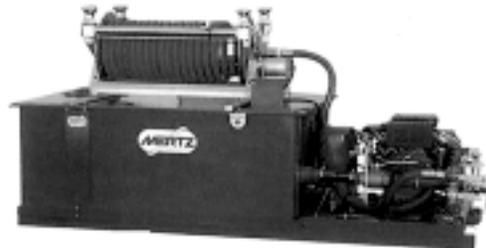


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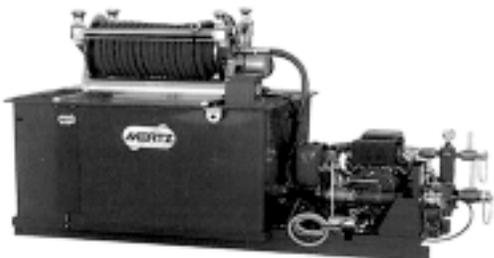
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Anyone who wishes to sell tickets for a fundraiser drawing at the AAVFD Annual Conference must get prior approval from the AAVFD Board. Send a letter outlining the item you propose to give away to the Montgomery office no later than June 1st. Approval will be sent in writing, and you must have it with you at the Conference.

Competition Update

Well, here's an update on the competition in Mobile. As I said before, I have come up with something new for this year's competition. I feel it will add to the competition this year. It will be something like the hose lay as you know it now, but with some changes. It will require the same equipment as the hose lay & the same number of team members. The difference will be in how you extend the hose line & what is done after you extend the line. The rest will be explained the day of competition. Have I got you wondering so far?

Now for the other two events that will be run. This year we will run, or better yet, ya'll will run, the air pack relay & the obstacle course. We will not run the water on the roof, because I'm not sure we will be running at the park, and a hard surface is needed to make it even for all.

If there are any questions feel free to email me at fights-fire@aol.com. I will be glad to answer any question you may have other than any further about the new event. If you don't have email you can always call me at 256-233-1597. If you get to talk to the machine just leave a message, I'll call you back. Good Luck to All.

Joey Boyd

2002 Insurance Coverage for Firefighters

Accidental Death & Disability insurance coverage for the year 2002 is still available and is a bargain. Policy cost is \$12.00 per year for \$10,000 coverage or \$20.00 per year for coverage of \$20,000. Coverage began on January 1, 2002, but it is not too late to send your renewals/applications to the Montgomery office. If you need further information, contact the office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

Annual Dues Reminder

If you have not sent in your 2002 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.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next meeting of the AAVFD Board of Directors will be at the Annual conference in Mobile on Friday, June 28th at 4:00 p.m. The Association's annual meeting will be Saturday, June 29th, at 2:00 p.m.

Directions to Mobile Holiday Inn

The Holiday Inn in Mobile is located beside I-65, and going south, the motel will be on your right. Exit from I-65, southbound at Airport Blvd., West, Exit 3. Immediately, take the FIRST possible right hand turn; a VERY SHARP RIGHT onto the service road. Continue around the curve, and the Holiday Inn is on your left.

Firefighter of the Year and Sherry Garner Memorial Awards Due by June 20, 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 an opportunity to recognize that person for the many noteworthy contributions that they have made.

Nominations must be mailed to the AAVFD office no later than June 20th. The awards will be presented at the annual conference in Mobile.

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a team of 40 or 50 thousand strong will be the day all of us will see changes being made for the betterment of our service, citizens and communities we all protect and support.

Fire Service support for the Alabama Firefighter Memorial being constructed at the Alabama Fire College through the efforts of the Alabama Joint Fire Council, along with a plaque to be displayed at the state capital is a little discouraging. Only 14% of the Volunteer Fire Departments, Volunteer County Assn. and Fire Districts whose total numbers are close to 1,087 have chosen, thus far, to send monetary support for the construction. Your purchase of a brick is critical. If you need additional information about the Alabama Firefighter Memorial, check the AAVFD web page www.aavfd.org go to Newsletter, November issue.

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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 March 1, 2002				Effective April 1, 2002			
Coffeerville	Clarke	8/9	7/9	Asbury	Marshall	9/9	6/9
Grove Oak	DeKalb	9/9	7/9	Coatopa Dug Hill	Sumter	-	9/10
Lanier	Talladega	-	9/10	Dixonville	Escambia	10	9/10
St. Stephens	Washington	9/9	7/9	Fruitdale-Yellow Pine	Washington	9/9	7/9
Trimble	Cullman	9/10	6/9	Malvern	Geneva	8/9	6/9
Vina	Franklin	6/9	5/9	Millbrook	Elmore	5	3
				Pintlala	Montgomery	7/9	6/9

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!

Lamar County EMS and Firefighter Appreciation Day was held on April 13, 2002.

Escambia County Volunteer Fire Association held its 3rd Annual Firefighter Appreciation Banquet on April 13, 2002. Congratulations to William A. Gorum, Huxford VFD, A. C. Cook Memorial Award; Jerry King, Brewton FD, Career Firefighter of the Year; Sammy Smith, Escambia County Rescue Squad, EMS Person of the Year; Ginny Tyler, Appleton VFD, Female Volunteer Firefighter of the Year; and Wayne Washburn, Huxford VFD, Male Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

Harvest-Monrovia Water Authority is making a HUGE upgrade of its water system and fire hydrants in Madison County.

Monroe County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments held its annual Awards Banquet on April 20, 2002. Congratulations to Jimmy Spann, Beatrice VFD, Outstanding Citizen Award; Robert Smith, Uriah VFD, Fire Chief of the Year; Bill Bennett, Uriah VFD, Firefighter of the Year; Kevin Young, Excel VFD, Rookie of the Year and James Stabler,

Finchburg VFD, EMT of the Year.

Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments held its annual Awards Banquet on April 20, 2002. Congratulations to Timothy Dodge, St. Elmo-Irvington VFD, Firefighter of the Year; Bill Hunter, Dauphin Island VFD, Administrator of the Year; and Wanda Boles, Georgetown Fellowship VFD, EMS Person of the Year.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, took delivery of a new Class-A E-One pumper on March 11th. The 2002 Freightliner Chassis-Cab pumper was delivered fully equipped.

Jeff Simpson, member of the Virginia State Firefighters Association who was a volunteer EMT with Drumfries-Triangle Rescue Squad, lost his life at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The remains of Jeff were found on March 23, 2002 in the southeast corner of Tower #2, which was the second building hit, but the first to fall. Jeff was found with 12 others that day, including a number of FDNY personnel and Port Authority Police personnel. It is believed that this group was establishing a triage area in that part of the building when the

collapse occurred. Jeff was the only volunteer firefighter to die at the World Trade Center.

Hale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments held its annual Awards Banquet on April 27th. Congratulations to Tim Miller, Lock 5 VFD Firefighter of the Year; Eliga Knox, Akron VFD Firefighter of the Year; Jason Hughen, Moundville VFD Firefighter of the Year; Luevenia Dedrick, Sawyerville VFD Firefighter of the Year; Joe Chauncey, Stewart-Havana VFD Firefighter of the Year; Les Averitte, Friendship VFD Firefighter of the Year; Randy Wilburn, Newburn VFD Firefighter of the Year; and James Gunter, Gallion VFD Firefighter of the Year. Buddy Burdette was honored posthumously for his service to Greensboro VFD. Greensboro Chief Ritchie Roberts, who is retiring, was honored for his years of service to the department. Hale County Deputy Ken Robertson was honored with the Community Service Award for his assistance to the county's fire service.

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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Proxy Votes Being Accepted at Conference

AAVFD Secretary Rita Tullis will accept proxy votes at the Conference on Friday, June 28, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. On Saturday, June 29th, proxy votes will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., with a lunch break from 11:00 a.m. until noon, and resuming from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. Location will be announced.

According to AAVFD By-Laws, all proxy votes shall be called for three times by the presiding officer as the first agenda item following the opening ceremonies. All proxy votes must be turned in to the Secretary before the third and final call for proxy votes. Once the third and final call is given and the presiding officer has officially declared the proxy votes closed, proxy votes cannot be accepted from anyone for any reason.

All proxy holders who will be casting proxy votes at the annual business meeting are reminded that no proxy vote will be honored for a department having one or more members at the meeting. Although a proxy ballot containing a list of all county departments is sent to each county president, a department is NOT required to give its county president, or anyone, the authority to cast its department's vote. If one person is present at the meeting that person shall vote their department's one vote; whether that person votes or not, the proxy holder shall not be entitled to vote for that department.

In order for the annual meeting to progress in a timely manner, it will be very helpful for the representative from all departments voting to come by and register with the Secretary during the

hours set aside to accept proxy votes. However, any person voting for their own department is entitled to a ballot up until the final call for proxy votes has been made.

2002 AAVFD Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2002

- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration at Holiday Inn Lobby
- Noon – 5:00 p.m. Vendor Time
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Training/Info Time
 - 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. . . . World Trade Center – Ground Zero
 - Presented by Deputy Chief Doug Sims
 - Mobile Fire Rescue
 - 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. . . . Responding to Clandestine Drug Labs
 - Presented by Captain Randy Smith
 - Mobile Fire Rescue
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Cookout Meal (Bring your name tag)

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2002

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration at Holiday Inn Lobby
- 8:30 a.m. Competition Captains Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. – Noon Competition at Battleship Park on Mobile Bay
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Time
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Children's Entertainment
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Awards Banquet at Battleship Pavilion
- 9:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. Social Time at Holiday Inn Vendor Room

St. Elmo-Irvington Volunteer Fire Department

The St. Elmo-Irvington Volunteer Fire Department has recently taken delivery of a 2001 KME Tanker Pumper Fire Engine. The engine, put into service on Dec. 27, 2001, carries 3000 gallons of water and can pump 1000 gallons of water per minute. This apparatus is one more piece of equipment that the fire department has acquired to provide better service to the community.



The St. Elmo-Irvington Volunteer Fire Department has recently placed a light rescue truck into service. The truck is equipped with a Hurst Jaws of Life, a 4000-watt generator, air compressor, and hand and power tools to conduct any type of rescue, from auto extrication to entrapments.



The Volunteer focuses on our members. To feature your VFD in one of our issues, please contact our office. Submit articles to AAVFD, State Office.

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BY-LAWS

Section 15

All proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the President, in writing, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting. The President shall submit the proposed amendments in writing to all voting members at least twenty (20) days prior to any meeting. The proposed amendments may then come before the annual meeting and must be approved by at least 2/3 of the voting members present to become effective.

Proposed By-Law Changes

(For the Annual Business Meeting, 2:00 p.m., June 29, 2002)

At the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments in Sheffield, Alabama, on August 4, 2001, the general membership of the Association voted to make a change in the by-laws allowing the AAVFD Board of Directors to determine the date and site of the annual conference each year. Two necessary changes to the by-laws relating to the implementation of this change were not addressed at this time. These two by-laws changes are presented to rectify this oversight.

Change 1. Reinstate the sentence in Section 6. MEETINGS. The Association also may transact any other business deemed necessary during such annual meeting.

SYNOPSIS: This sentence was inadvertently omitted when the date and site change was presented last year. This gives 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.

Change 2. Delete the words IN AUGUST OF in sentence in SECTION 9. ELECTIONS. Elections will be held at the annual ~~in August of~~ meeting each year.

SYNOPSIS: This change will bring this provision into agreement with the 2001 change providing the authority of the Board of Directors to set the date of the annual meeting.

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During March 17-20, 2002, this association hosted the second National Fire Service Benefit Summit in Orange Beach. Twenty-seven states registered to attend this summit; however, three states failed to make the trip to Alabama.

The three-day event got off to a rocky start because of a number of unforeseen weather-related events. On the west coast (Washington State), snow and ice was a major problem; this delayed Washington Fire Service representative Brigette Smith from arriving in Houston in time to make her scheduled flight to Pensacola. Other flights were cancelled from landing in Pensacola because of two days of heavy fog. By late Sunday, the 17th, all state representatives and sponsors had made the trip either by car or air.

At the first summit that was hosted by the North Carolina Firefighters Association, representatives from each state made their presentation regarding benefits provided to their firefighters. These ranged from low-cost insurance programs to states providing free college tuition. Many other issues were



discussed, such as the number of paid and volunteer firefighters, the structure of the associations, and the methods in funding the association, recruiting and future legislation regarding benefits. AAVFD Treasurer Don Shield presented a power point presentation of Alabama's volunteer fire service. We had little to offer compared to other states; however, our recruiting and AED program was of major interest to many. Mr. Shield's presentation provided details of both programs.

The three-day summit provided a

wealth of information; the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute is presently processing this data. Once completed, each state and vendor that attended this summit will receive a CD containing this information. Due to the success of this meeting, it was agreed to appoint a committee to draft the guidelines for future summits. Mr. Paul Miller, State of North Carolina, Helen Johnson, State of Texas, Jeff Sedivec, State of California, Edward Carpenter, Jr., State of New York and Johnny Dennis, State of Alabama, were approved to serve as this committee.

We wish to thank all the states and sponsors who attended the 2002 summit in Alabama. The following are the states and sponsors who made this summit a great success: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Delaware, Minnesota, Washington, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Connecticut.

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Fire Service Organizations: National Volunteer Fire Council, Alabama Rural Community Fire Protection Institute, Alabama Forestry Commission and the Alabama Fire College.

The Third National Fire Service Benefit Summit will be hosted by the State of California in 2003. Details of the location and date will be submitted to the committee as soon as Mr. Jeff Sedivec, President of the California State Firefighters Association, makes details final.

My personal thanks to all those who attended the Alabama summit. We look forward seeing each of you, with the new states that will be attending at the 2003 summit in California.



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Butler	Dallas2	Lee2	Shelby1
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Chambers	Elmore1	Lowndes1	Sumter
Cherokee1	Escambia1	Macon1	Talladega
Chilton2	Etowah3	Madison2	Tallapoosa
Choctaw	Fayette	Marengo1	Tuscaloosa
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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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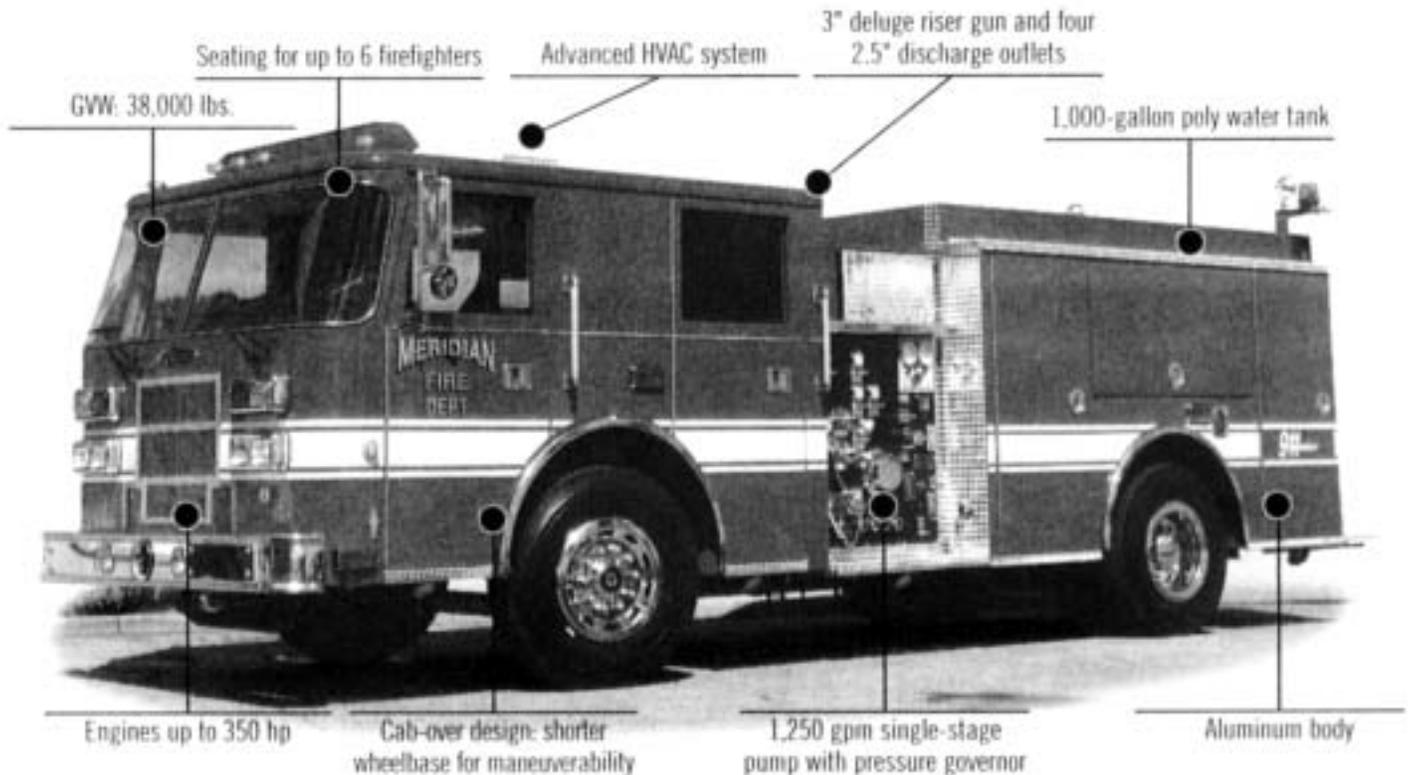
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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Chief Ray Ebel, Volunteer
 Department: Newaygo Fire District, Newaygo, MI
 Date of Death: 2/18/02
 Cause of Death: Collapsed from an apparent heart attack at the scene of a house fire and a short time later at the hospital.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Shane Murray, Volunteer
 Department: Jefferson City FD, Jefferson City, TN
 Date of Death: 3/1/02
 Cause of Death: Died from injuries received while working a house fire. Circumstances related to the fatality and to several other fire fighter injuries incurred at the scene are pending further investigation.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Richard Dake, Volunteer
 Department: LaGrange FD, LaGrange, KY
 Date of Death: 3/4/02
 Cause of Death: Struck and ejected from fire apparatus he was driving as he attempted to cross at railroad crossing during a training exercise.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Joshua Brandon Earley, Career
 Department: Harrisburg Volunteer FD & Rescue, Harrisburg, NC
 Date of Death: 3/6/02
 Cause of Death: Died of burns received at scene of structure fire while advancing line when wooden floor of house gave way, and he fell into the basement.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic Timothy J. "T.J." Lynch, Volunteer
 Department: Manlius FD, Manlius, NY
 Date of Death: 3/7/02
 Cause of Death: Died from burns and smoke inhalation received after falling into basement when floor of burning residential structure collapsed.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic John "Gino" Ginocchetti, Career
 Department: Manlius FD, Manlius, NY
 Date of Death: 3/7/02
 Cause of Death: Died from burns and smoke inhalation received after falling into basement when floor of burning residential structure collapsed.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Leo Leon Swank, Volunteer
 Department: Bellville-Jefferson Township FB, Belleville, OH
 Date of Death: 3/16/02
 Cause of Death: Died from apparent heart attack while returning to station from

Name/Rank: residential structure chimney fire. Clarence Francis Birchmore, Volunteer
 Department: Whiting FD, Whiting, VT
 Date of Death: 3/16/02
 Cause of Death: Suffered heart attack responding to alarm in his personal vehicle. Vermont State Police also responding to the call found his car along the side of the road.

Name/Rank: Senior Engine Supervisor Joan Spear, Career
 Department: MT DNRC Fire & Aviation Management, Dillon Unit, Dillon, MT
 Date of Death: 3/18/02
 Cause of Death: Collapsed and died while participating in fitness training from cause to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Adam Lee Weisenberger, Volunteer
 Department: Gluckstadt VFD, Madison, MS
 Date of Death: 3/20/02
 Cause of Death: Died after being struck by automobile while assisting the injured at accident scene.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Bernes "Bernie" Schutte, Volunteer
 Department: Palisade VFD, Palisade, NE
 Date of Death: 3/20/02
 Cause of Death: Collapsed on the front lines while battling a wild land fire. He was later pronounced dead at the hospital.

Name/Rank: Captain Allen Frye, Volunteer
 Department: Roslyn Rescue FD, Roslyn Heights, NY
 Date of Death: 3/25/02
 Cause of Death: Killed and another firefighter injured when a private vehicle crossed through road barriers and striking them as they stowed equipment.

Name/Rank: Chief Louis Jones, Career
 Department: Roswell FD, Roswell, NM
 Date of Death: 3/26/02
 Cause of Death: Died of gunshot wound to head from a burn victim when he and others were attempting to assist at the scene of a house explosion.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Fred McNeil Johnson, Volunteer
 Department: Abingdon VFD, Abingdon, VA
 Date of Death: 3/28/02
 Cause of Death: Experienced secondary chest pains and cardiac arrest during a training session.

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THE BELL TOLLED

Judi Click, Copeland Ferry VFD, Walker County, passed away March 23, 2002. She was a charter member of this department, and as well as serving as an active firefighter, was currently serving as Chairman of the Board.

John David Sullivan, McIntosh VFD, Washington County, passed away March 23, 2002.

Harvy Simpson, Samantha VFD, Tuscaloosa County, passed away on March 24, 2002. In addition to serving as an active firefighter, he also served as President of the Board.

Edna Fay Bishop, Bon Secour VFD, Baldwin County, died from injuries sustained when the fire truck overturned enroute to a fire call on April 7, 2002.

Chief Daniel Harbin, Valley II VFD, Jackson County, passed away on April 14, 2002. He had served as chief of the department since its organization in 1983.

Margaret Wilkes, Pace's Point VFD, Tallapoosa County, passed away of cardiac arrest following a live burn training session on April 20, 2002.

Donald Ross Hathcox, Arkadelphia VFD, Cullman County, was killed in a vehicle accident on April 23, 2002.

Chief Tommy Henderson, Odenville VFD, St. Clair County, passed away April 30, 2002 after a battle with cancer.

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) 990-4927 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.

2002 National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service

Each October a grateful nation honors its fallen fire heroes during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend. This year will mark the 21st observance of the national tribute and will include the largest number of firefighters killed in the line of duty in the history of America's fire service.

The National Fallen Firefighters

Foundation announced that the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service honoring over 400 firefighters, who died in the line of duty in 2001, will be honored in Washington, DC October 4-7. The memorial service will be held in Washington, DC, on Sunday, October 6, 2002, at the MCI Center, a 20,000-seat sports and concert arena.

The unprecedented number of firefighters being honored this year necessitated moving the memorial service from the site of the National Fallen Firefighters Monument in Emmitsburg. This year's service will honor those who died at the World Trade Center along with those who made the ultimate sacrifice across the country.



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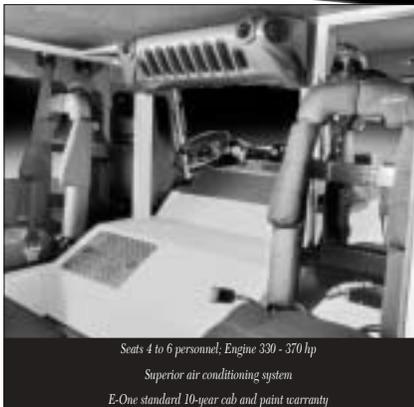


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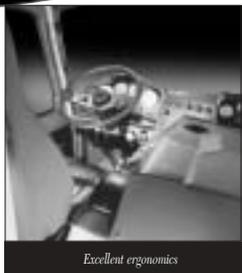
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