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13TH ANNUAL RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION INSTITUTE DINNER & VENDOR SHOW • TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002

The 13th Annual Rural Community Fire Protection Institute Dinner and Vendor Show will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the Montgomery, Alabama Civic Center.

The Vendor Area will be open to the public from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. This area is FREE for anyone to visit. During the day we will offer two FREE workshops for attendees. Make plans to have a representative from your department at each of these workshops! We will also have demonstrations throughout the day.

The Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. During the meal, there will be brief speeches from several officials of the fire

service and state government. Our featured speaker will be comedian Mickey



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Dean. Mickey's style of down-home, sophisticated social commentary will hit anyone's funny bone.

Remember your support of the RCFPI Dinner helps to fund the programs that the Institute offers for FREE to fire departments, fire personnel and schools. Without your much needed support, we would not be able to continue with programs such as our training videos **Front Line/Safety First**, which are free to every fire department in this state.

Fill out the registration form found in this issue and return it to the RCFPI office. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 1-800-897-7237. We look forward to seeing all of you on January 22, 2002. Thank you for your support of the Institute!

ALC rescue/transport vehicle to serve multiple uses

The Alabama Fire College has purchased and placed into service a 2000 Class One Rescue Truck. The rescue vehicle was manufactured by E-One and has a Freightliner chassis. This rescue vehicle is fully-equipped as a transport rescue unit, with emergency medical supplies to meet all the requirements of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance.

The Fire College will use the rescue vehicle on all resident division courses which require drill field activities. These courses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Firefighter I and II • Hazardous Materials Technician • SCBA Specialist • Rescue Technician-Rope Rescue • Rescue Technician-Trench

The purchase of this fully-equipped rescue/transport vehicle allows the Alabama Fire College to meet NFPA Standard 1403, *Live Fire Training*

Evolutions, which states "emergency medical services shall be available on site to handle injuries."

In addition to the firefighting-related courses, the Alabama Fire College will utilize the rescue truck during Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes in a multitude of student practical activities. The Fire College also provides emergency medical services at all University of Alabama athletic events. The rescue truck will be used on-site at selected athletic events, and will allow us the opportunity to more effectively serve the patrons of these events.

Some of the features of the rescue/transport vehicle include a portable lighting system for use in night activities, extrication equipment for heavy rescue, and fully-stocked medical supplies with transport capabilities that complies with OSHA

1910.1030, NFPA Standard 1581 and Center for Disease Control recommendations.

With the multiple uses of this rescue/transport vehicle, the Alabama



Fire College will be able to improve the training and services provided to the firefighters and emergency medical technicians who train on our campus.

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

John D. Miller, Jr.



The September 11th terrorist attack on both the Twin Towers and the Pentagon coupled with the fear anthrax and other chemical and biological agents has had a great impact on our nation. The way we go about our daily lives has forever changed. Americans now have real Heroes to look to, the men and women of the fire service. Pride in America and patriotism are once again popular and individuals seem to be treating each other with more respect. We now live with the knowledge of just how vulnerable our nation and communities are to terrorist attacks. As volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians, we need to take appropriate precautions as we fulfill our duties in support of our communities.

The events of September 11th claimed the lives of more than fire thousand of our citizens. Included in this number were

more than three hundred firefighters, EMTs and police officers. Because of the Heroism of these individuals, thousands of lives were saved. Their sacrifice must not be forgotten, but be an example to each of us. I ask that we continue to remember their families in our individual prayers.

The men and women of FDNY are not the only heroes, we have many who serve as Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs throughout the state of Alabama, and I am proud to serve with each of you. Your dedication and selfless service to your communities is a great example to everyone you come in contact with, you are Alabama's Heroes. During the month of October, I sent a letter to each county president asking for each member department to contribute \$100.00 toward a Firefighter memorial fund. This fund, along with money raised by the paid departments, would enable a memorial to be purchased and built to honor our fallen firefighters and EMTs. I would like to see this memorial built in the next eighteen months.

Plans are now underway to hold a meeting of representatives of state fire organizations from across the nation in March. The purpose of the meeting will be to understand each state's approach to obtaining benefits for members of the volunteer fire service. This will be the second annual meeting, and we were asked to be the host state.

As we approach the holiday season, I wish each of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. May God bless you and our Nation.

Terrorism Response Course

As a response to the recent terrorism activities in the United States, the Alabama Fire College will be presenting the recently developed course "Emergency Response to Biological and Chemical Terrorism." This course will be offered on November 13, 2001 and again on November 17, 2001 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Alabama Fire College Campus in Tuscaloosa. Applicants need only attend one session. This informative short course will cover many relevant topics such as: biological/chemical warfare, weapons of mass destruction and the roles of first responders. Special emphasis will be placed on the response to anthrax and other bio-terrorism related incidents. Class size is limited. Please call the Alabama Fire College Field Training Hotline at 1-800-241-2467 for further information and registration. There is no registration fee for this class.

Alabama Fire College Website: <http://alabamafirecollege.cc.al.us>

Anthrax Response Seminar

For departments that are running so many anthrax calls, a free UAB seminar:

Responding to Anthrax Calls.

Content:

- Science background on anthrax spores
- Health information
- Routes of entry and prevention of exposure
- Appropriate respirators and protective clothing
- Potential to monitor and identify anthrax bacteria and spores on the spot
- Sources of accurate and inaccurate information about anthrax
- Exchange of information on SOPs among participants

9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Tuesday November 20 at the UAB Fire Fighter Training Program classroom on 11th St. South in Birmingham. No charge. Funded by the UAB Center for Labor Education and Research. Call Kecia Carr 205-934-8016 to register.

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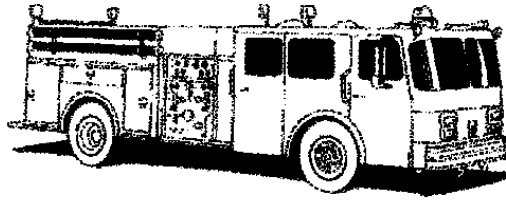


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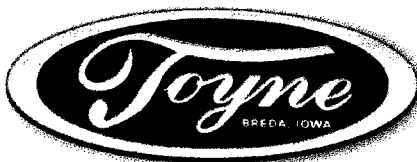
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Belk Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of their new "Toyne" fire truck. Some of the features of this Apparatus are a 1250 GPM pump, top mount pump panel, deck gun, roll up doors, slide in latter compartments, and all aluminum body.

"Toyne" has been building top of the line fire apparatus in the same mid-west location since 1942. For all of your fire apparatus needs, from helping complete your desired specifications to design and drawing help, call us. We also have in stock approximately 30 used and refurbished apparatuses. We also custom build tankers per your departments needs and requirements.



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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 September, 2001				Effective October, 2001			
Thorsby	Chilton	4	3	Kellyton	Coosa	9/9	5/9
				West Bend-Bethel	Clarke	-	8/9

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!

Congratulations to Lamar County President Clif Homan whose son, Daniel, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

McIntosh VFD, Washington County, conducted a live-burn training exercise in October.

Charity Chapel VFD, Washington County, held an AED Training course in October.

Tuscaloosa County Fire Protection Association held their 19th annual Awards Banquet on September 29th.

Congratulations to Billy Doss, Duncanville VFD, who was named Tuscaloosa County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Billy also received the Smokey Bear Award from the Alabama Forestry Commission for Tuscaloosa County.

Congratulations to Duncanville VFD on being named as the Tuscaloosa County Fire Department of the Year.

An Appreciation Dinner for the volunteer firefighters of Colbert County was held October 6th.

Bibb County Firefighters held their annual Fire Prevention Parade on October 11th. Eight departments participated displaying 26 fire/rescue vehicles.

Congratulations to Bill Green, Lawley VFD, Bibb County, who was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

Bibb County firefighters, along with police officers, amateur radio operators, and dispatchers, attended an Advanced Storm Spotter Course hosted by Bibb County EMA on November 13th.

Lakeview VFD, Tuscaloosa County, began a Firefighter II class on November 15th.

Two balloon tags that were launched at the 2000 Conference Balloon Launch in Dothan, Alabama were returned to the AAVFD office on September 5, 2001. One tag was illegible, but the second balloon was sent aloft by Janie Posey, age 1,

whose grandfather is Chief Jimmy Posey of Ashford VFD in Houston County.

The AAVFD Honor Guard led the Lauderdale County Fireman's Parade on October 8th.

The AAVFD Honor Guard led the Morgan County Firefighter's Parade on October 13th.

Ranburne VFD, Cleburne County, recently took delivery of a new Toyne fire truck with a 1250 GPM pump, dual foam system and a heavy-rescue aluminum body.

Highland VFD, Etowah County, recently took delivery of a new Toyne fire truck with a 1250 GPM pump, top-mount pump panel, deck gun, roll-up doors, front bumper extension with hose tray and pre-connect slide in latter compartments.



Washington County held their 2001 Awards Banquet at Epworth-Vinegar Bend VFD on October 13, 2001. Congratulations to each award winner.

(Persons pictured left to right) Charles Singleton, President, WCAVFD; Chief Robbie Davidson, McIntosh VFD-Fire Dept of the Year; Bryant Robinson, Fairford VFD-EMS Provider of the Year; Chief Steve Hennis, Laton Hill VFD-Dewey Reynold's Chiefs Award; Eric Sullivan, Wagarville VFD-Firefighter of the Year; Roy Mott, RCFP Chief, Alabama Forestry Commission.

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but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"
Micah 6:8**

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Don's Perspective

*by Don Shield
Alabama Firefighter*

A decade has passed and the Alabama Firefighter Memorial groundbreaking ceremony has not taken place for more reasons than I care to mention. The Alabama Joint Fire Council has shifted gears on this project, and with the help of all Alabama fire departments through a Paver Brick purchase program, plan to have a groundbreaking ceremony next summer. This Paver Brick program is open to all fire departments, firefighter/EMS families, vendors and businesses/corporations.

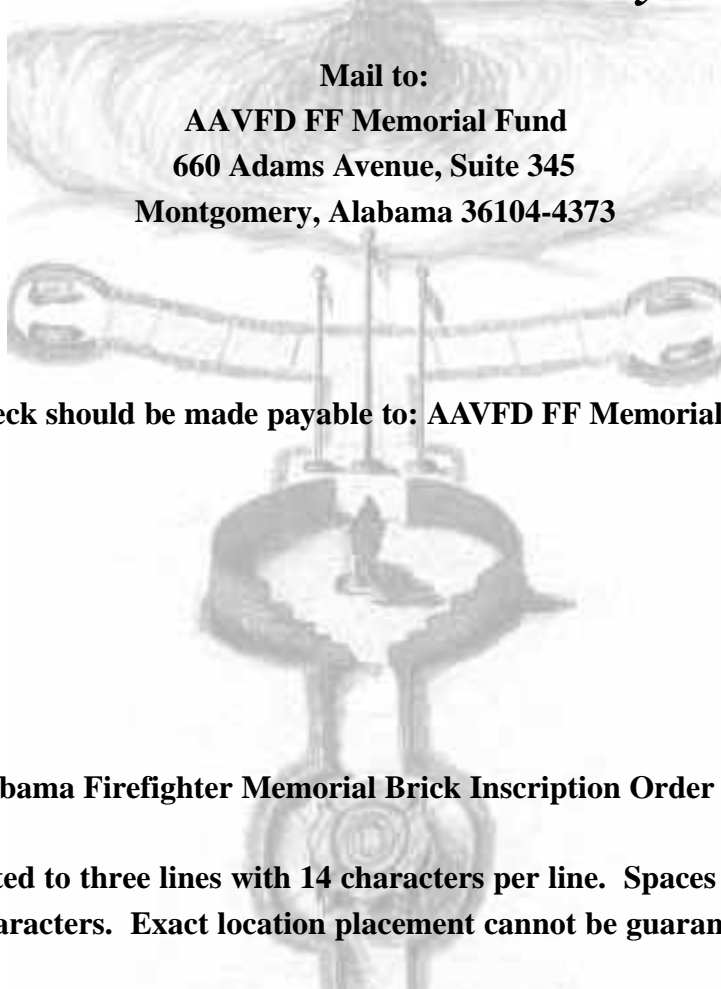
The program is broken down in two separate purchasing programs. Fire departments and families will be able to purchase a Paver Brick of three lines with fourteen characters per line for \$100.00.

Vendors and businesses/corporations will be able to purchase a larger Paver Brick with three lines, fourteen characters per line for \$500.00.

The Alabama Joint Fire Council envisions that the Firefighter Memorial will be constructed in phases. Your funding support is a vital part of this program, so let's make our fallen firefighters/EMS and their families proud for the service and sacrifice they gave to the Alabama fire/EMS service.

Don Shield, AAVFD Treasurer
Alabama Joint Fire Council Member

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Alabama Firefighter Memorial Brick Inscription Order Form

Each Brick will be limited to three lines with 14 characters per line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters. Exact location placement cannot be guaranteed.

Grants Approved



In September 2001, this association approved 60 out of 72 grant applications for the AAVFD Fire Prevention Program. For the first time in the history of this organization, fire prevention grants were made available with the help of the Alabama Forestry Commission.

The primary intent of this program is for departments, county associations or a combination of both to design fire prevention programs that meet their needs. All programs are not the same as all departments are not the same.

In reviewing the applications, many departments were designing the programs more in line with FIRE SAFETY. As much as fire safety is important to our volunteer fire service, the grants are for different programs.

On October 31, 2001 we will resubmit applications to each county association for departments and counties who wish to participate in the WILD LAND FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM. Keep in mind your program must be primarily designed for wild land fire prevention. The second grant application must be postmarked to the AAVFD office by January 31, 2002. Applications will be reviewed and awarded on February 11, 2002.

We ask each county president to make copies of the grant application

for each of your departments located in your county. If you have any questions, contact the AAVFD office by calling 1-888-972-2833

or email: aavfd@mindspring.com. You may also download this application from the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute web site at: www.rcfpi.com and the Alabama Forestry Commission web site: www.forestry.state.al.us.

Johnny Dennis
Grant Chairman



Grant Approval Process

The Fire Prevention Grant Committee members are Chairman Johnny Dennis, David Frederick, Alabama Forestry Commission, State Fire Marshal John Robison, Stan Merrett, owner of ETT, L.L.C., Darla Graves, Auburn University @ Montgomery Center for Business and Economic Development, and Teresa Burt, Secretary, Rural Community Fire Protection Institute. This committee will approve all grant proposals.

The selection committee will base their approval on the following criteria:

1. Grants will be competitive with those grant requests having the highest priority being funded.
2. Grant requests from the more rural areas of the state will be given a higher priority.
3. Grant requests from counties with high wildfire occurrence will be given a higher priority.
4. Grant requests in which the grantee is contributing a higher amount of matching money or man-hours will be given a higher priority.
5. A maximum of \$5,000 will be awarded per grant request. Funds permitting, exceptions may be made in the case of county or district association requests.
6. Items relating to fire suppression, equipment, operational costs and etc. **will not** be considered as an appropriate grant request. Items related only to structural fire **will not** be approved. For example: children smoke houses and home smoke detector projects.

7. Grants will be approved as equally as practical between the Alabama Forestry Commission's four administration regions.
8. Grants should be aimed at reducing/preventing wild fires. For example: wild fire literature, videos, signs, etc. Other types of fire prevention programs may be included.

Eligible Recipients include:

1. Volunteer fire departments organized as part of a municipality.
2. Volunteer fire departments that are non-profit organizations.
3. County fire associations that are non-profit organizations.
4. District fire associations that are non-profit organizations.

Final Reporting:

Approved grantees must submit a final report to AAVFD no later than September 30, 2002. The report must include: (1) a narrative of what was done on the project, (2) how the grant funds received were actually spent (with receipts), (3) the number of man-hours the grantee put into the project, and (4) an approximate number of the people in the community contacted through the project. All work on the project must be completed prior to September 30, 2002.

First Round Grant Recipients

The first round of Wild Land Fire Prevention Grants were awarded on September 25th. I extend my congratulations to each department that received a grant. I encourage each department that did not participate in the grant process to apply for a grant in the second and final round. This grant is available to all volunteer fire departments, county and district fire associations in the state, regardless of past applications.

John Miller
President

The following departments received grants in the first round:

Alabama Port (Mobile)	\$500.00	Autauga County Assn	\$5,000.00
Bayou La Batre (Mobile)	\$500.00	Belforest (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Bethel East (Randolph)	\$1,000.00	Boldo (Walker)	\$1,000.00
Bon Secour (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Covington County Assn	\$5,000.00
Crossroads (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Cuba (Sumter)	\$500.00
Daphne (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Elberta (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Eva (Morgan)	\$2,000.00	Excel (Monroe)	\$5,000.00
Fish River-Marlow (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Foley (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Fort Morgan (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Fowl River (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Friendship (Lee)	\$5,000.00	Gateswood (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Gaylesville (Cherokee)	\$2,500.00	Haleyville (Winston)	\$2,000.00
Heflin (Cleburne)	\$1,800.00	Lacey's Spring (Morgan)	\$800.00
Lauderdale County Assn	\$8,000.00	Lillian (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Little Rock (Escambia)	\$1,000.00	Little Texas (Macon)	\$5,000.00
Livingston (Sumter)	\$2,250.00	Lottie (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Loxley (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Macedonia (Cleburne)	\$500.00
Magnolia Springs (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Mobile County Assn	\$500.00
Mount Vernon (Mobile)	\$500.00	Oyster Bay (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Perdido (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Perdido Beach (Baldwin)	\$1,000.00
Perry County Assn	\$500.00	Pine Grove (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Rabun (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Robertsdale (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Rosinton (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Samson (Geneva)	\$610.00
Seminole (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Semmes (Mobile)	\$500.00
Spanish Fort (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Spanish Fort (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Stapleton (Baldwin)	\$500.00	St. Elmo-Irvington (Mobile)	\$500.00
Stockton (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Styx River (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Summerdale (Baldwin)	\$500.00	Sumter County Assn	\$500.00
Tanner Williams (Mobile)	\$500.00	Tensaw (Baldwin)	\$500.00
Theodore-Tillman's Corner (Mobile)	\$500.00	Thomasville (Clarke)	\$2,500.00
Toney (Madison)	\$1,000.00	Trinity (Morgan)	\$1,000.00

Facts about Home Candle Fires

Do you use candles in your home to decorate? According to the National Candle Association (NCA), candles are used in seven out of ten households in the United States.

Most people don't view candles as a fire hazard, but the number of home candle fires is steadily increasing. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports from 1983 through 1997 candles in the home caused an annual average of:

- 8,690 fires
- 104 civilian deaths
- 947 injuries
- Estimated direct property loss of \$126 million

Nearly half of home candle fires started in the bedroom, with 29 percent starting in living rooms, family rooms or dens. Thirty six percent occurred because candles were left unattended, abandoned or inadequately controlled.

A candle is an open flame that can easily ignite nearby combustible materials. The NFPA offers the following safety tips:

- Use candles only with constant adult supervision.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, such as Christmas trees, clothing, paper or curtains.
- Place candles and candle holders on a secure piece of furniture. Make sure candleholders are non-combustible and large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Do not place lighted candles in windows, where blinds or curtains can close over them.
- Keep wicks trimmed to 1/4 inch, and extinguish candles when they burn to within two inches of the holder.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.

- Do not use candles in places where they can be knocked over by children or pets.

During power outages:

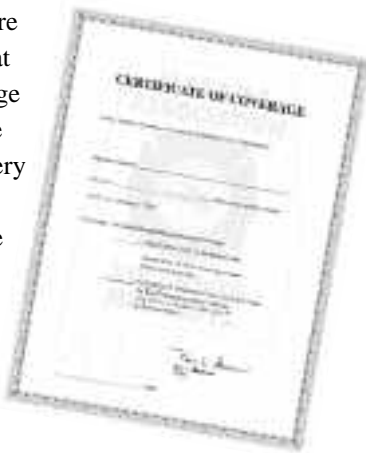
- Use flash lights or battery generated lights.
- Avoid carrying a lighted candle.
- Don't use a candle when looking for items in a closet.
- Never use a candle for light near a kerosene heater or lantern.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the home or when going to sleep.



Home Safety Facts by
State Farm Insurance

2002 Insurance Renewals

Insurance Renewal Forms were mailed to all departments that are AAVFD members. Coverage of the current policy will expire on December 31, 2001. It is very important that the insurance applications/enrollments for the new year be sent to the Montgomery office as soon as possible so that department personnel do not lose a month of coverage.



Cost for the insurance remains \$12.00 per year for \$10,000 and \$20.00 per year if you choose to have coverage of \$20,000. Coverage begins January 1, 2002, or if mailed after January 1st, coverage begins on the day that your insurance enrollment is received in the AAVFD office.

AAVFD Scholarships are Available

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

Four scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each will be 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 Committee 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.

Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day 2002

The 18th annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day will be held in Chambers County in 2002. The location, date and additional details will follow.

AAVFD Board of Directors Meeting

The AAVFD Board of Directors will meet Saturday, January 19th, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. at the Alabama Power Conference Center in Clanton. The Conference Center is located at the 205 Exit off I-65. Go north on Highway 31 for 1/2 mile, and the Center is on your right.

Membership Dues

Fire department membership notices for the year 2002 went out the first week in October. If your department joins through the county association, the notice was sent to the president. 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.

Annual dues to AAVFD are due on January 1st. If you have not sent in your dues, please take a moment to send them before the busy holiday season is upon us. If you are not a member, contact the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833, and we will be glad to send you information on the benefits associated with AAVFD membership, such as eligibility for our insurance, student scholarships and the Alabama Volunteer Firefighters credit card. If you do not belong to a member department, associate membership is available to anyone who is interested in the purposes, goals and activities for AAVFD. Associate membership affords you the same benefits as regular membership, except the right to vote.

NVFC Urges Volunteer Fire Service to Donate (9-11 Disaster Relief Fund)

Washington, DC – National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg has announced that he is urging all members of the volunteer fire service to donate funds to the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.

Firehouse.com & Firehouse Magazine along with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) have announced this fundraising effort to support the many children, spouses and family members left behind by the firefighters and emergency medical personnel who perished in the World Trade Center tragedy.

To donate online: – <http://www.firedonations.com>

To donate via mail: – Send checks payable to “The New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund” to: New York Firefighters, 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund, P. O. Box 65858, Washington DC 20035-5858

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17th Annual VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

Roy Mott, RCFP Chief

The Limestone County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments hosted the 17th Annual Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day in Athens, Alabama on September 22, 2001. The Alabama Forestry Commission Rural Community Fire Protection Steering Committee sponsors the event annually.

Master of Ceremonies at the Friday night banquet was Limestone County President Derrick Gatlin. Special guests included Senator Tom Butler, State Forester Timothy C. Boyce, and Assistant State Forester Richard Cumbie. Also recognized were AAVFD President John Miller and RCFPI President Don Shield. Comedienne Charlie Hughes entertained banquet guests. The Blues Brothers of Alabama entertained after the competition events on Saturday afternoon. Both acts provided non-stop entertainment to an enthusiastic crowd and helped make both events a huge success.

RCFP Chief Roy Mott presented the RCFP Steering Committee Awards. State Forester Timothy C. Boyce congratulated each recipient, along with Senator Tom Butler, who presented the Governor's Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day Proclamation to the Limestone County Association President.

The Ray Tucker Memorial Award was presented to Euell Hodge, Berlin VFD, Cullman County, who was recognized by the Steering Committee for his dedicated years of service, leadership, and commitment as a member of the RCFP Steering Committee.

The Walter Vest Award was presented to Micaville VFD in Cleburne County. The RCFP Steering Committee recognized this department as the Outstanding Volunteer Fire Department of the Year.

Each year the RCFP Steering Committee recognizes two Alabama Forestry Commission employees for their outstanding work with volunteer fire departments.

Associate of the Year Award was presented to County Ranger Bill DeYampert for his outstanding leadership in Perry County.

County Supervisor of the Year Award was presented to Dan Jackson, County Forester, for his outstanding work with the volunteer fire departments in Walker County.



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**Senator Tom Butler presents
Governor's Fire Fighter
Appreciation Day Proclamation
to Limestone County President
Derrick Gatlin.**

FIRE FIGHTER APPRECI

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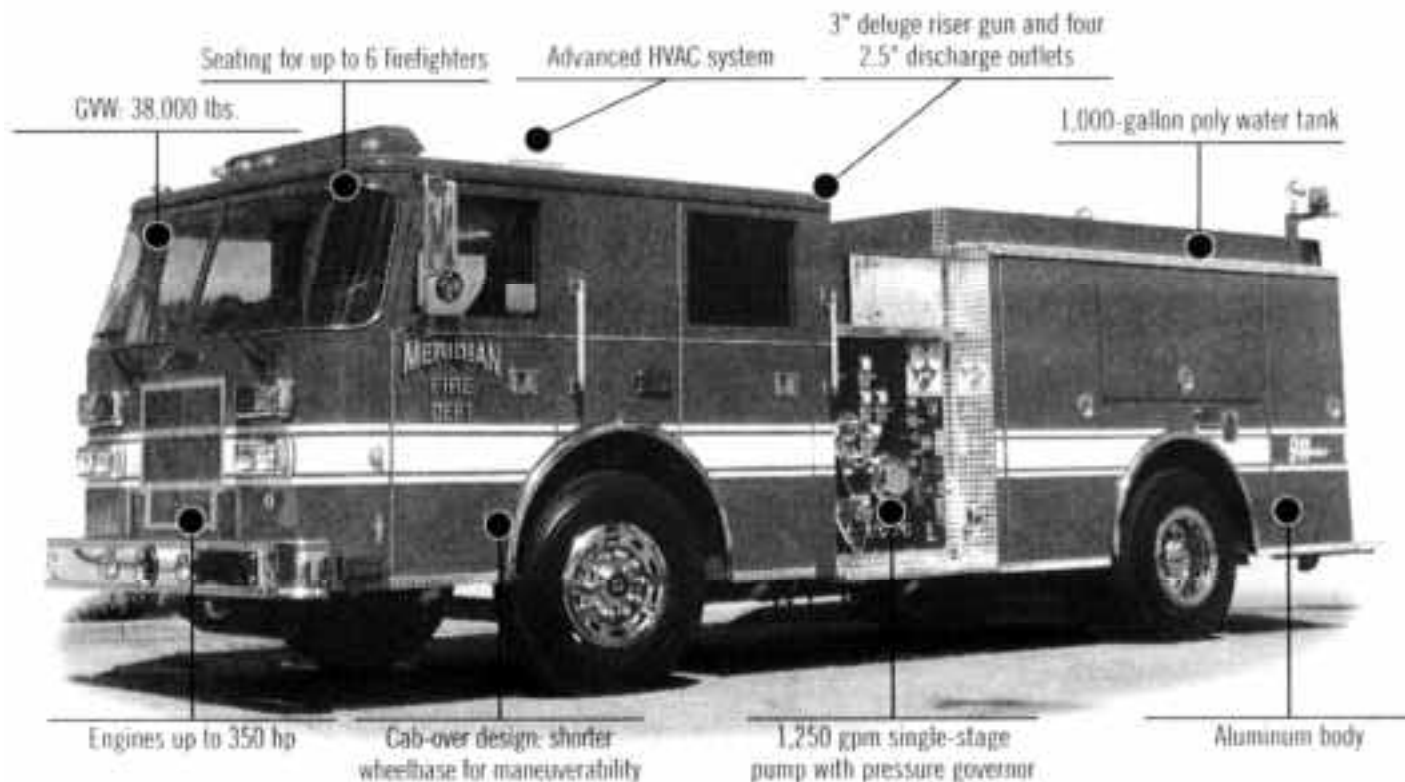
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Name/Rank: Lieutenant Eddie Dean Mathis, Volunteer
 Department: Dallas VFD, Dallas, NC
 Date of Death: 7/16/01
 Cause of Death: Sustained fatal injuries while responding to a vehicle accident en-route on his privately owned motorcycle.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Donald Myrick, Volunteer
 Department: Ludlow Fire Protection District, Ludlow, IL
 Date of Death: 7/22/01
 Cause of Death: Died from injuries received when ejected from his privately owned vehicle while responding to another single vehicle auto accident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Kirk Schafer, Career
 Department: North Central Fire District, Kerman, CA
 Date of Death: 7/27/01
 Cause of Death: While filling fire truck's tanks from hydrant, nearby 200-pound pressurized tank, for reasons still to be determined, had a catastrophic failure, rocketing into the air, and landing on the fire truck. Debris from the tank or the fire struck him in the head.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Lazaro Martinez, Volunteer
 Department: Fisher's Peak Fire Protection District, Trinidad, CO
 Date of Death: 7/28/01
 Cause of Death: Collapsed from a massive heart attack upon exiting from the burn structure during a live burn exercise.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Ralph "Warren" Blackmar, Volunteer
 Department: South Foster VFD, Foster, RI
 Date of Death: 8/1/01
 Cause of Death: While returning from a structure fire died from a heart attack, which caused the fire truck he was driving to leave the road way, strike a utility pole and roll over.

Name/Rank: Fire Chief James Pelton, Career
 Department: Mason FD, Mason, MI
 Date of Death: 8/10/01
 Cause of Death: Killed in a vehicle accident in route to a meeting.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Ronald T. Kreamer, Volunteer
 Department: Frontier VFD, Niagara Falls, NY
 Date of Death: 8/13/01
 Cause of Death: Died after collapsing (cause still to be determined) during overhaul operations at a structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/EMT Richard D. Shoaf, Jr., Volunteer
 Department: Swarthmore Fire & Protection Association, Swarthmore, PA
 Date of Death: 8/18/01
 Cause of Death: Collapsed of an apparent heart attack while at the station responding to a medical emergency call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John R. Hazlett, Volunteer
 Department: Odell Rural Fire Protection, Odell, OR
 Date of Death: 8/19/01
 Cause of Death: Died from injuries received when the

water tender fire apparatus he was driving blew its right tire causing the apparatus to leave the roadway and strike a tree head-on.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Stephen A. Petrusik, Status Unknown
 Department: Lansdowne Volunteer Firemen's Association #1, Lansdowne MD
 Date of Death: 8/21/01
 Cause of Death: Died of a cause still to be determined, probable heart attack, while on routine station duty.

Name/Rank: Contract Pilot Lars Stratte, Career
 Department: California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection, Sacramento, CA
 Date of Death: 8/27/01
 Cause of Death: Collided in mid-air with another airtanker. Both pilots died in the collision.

Name/Rank: Contract Pilot Larry Groff, Career
 Department: California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection, Sacramento, CA
 Date of Death: 8/27/01
 Cause of Death: Collided in mid-air with another airtanker. Both pilots died in the collision.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael Gorumba, Career
 Department: New York City FD, Brooklyn, NY
 Date of Death: 8/28/01
 Cause of Death: Collapsed and died from apparent heart attack while fighting a three-alarm fire at an auto body shop.

Name/Rank: Captain Darryl J. Dzugan, Career
 Department: Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Tampa, FL
 Date of Death: 8/29/01
 Cause of Death: Collapsed while participating in physical fitness activities at station and died later in hospital of cause still to be determined.

Name/Rank: Contract Crew Chief Kip Krigbaum, Career
 Department: U.S. Forest Service-Gallatin Nat'l Forest, Bozeman, MT
 Date of Death: 8/31/01
 Cause of Death: Died after a helicopter crash while fighting a wildfire near Emigrant Peak.

Name/Rank: Contract Pilot Rich Hernandez, Career
 Department: U.S. Forest Service-Gallatin Nat'l Forest, Bozeman, MT
 Date of Death: 8/31/01
 Cause of Death: Died after a helicopter crash while fighting a wildfire near Emigrant Peak.

Name/Rank: Contract Co-Pilot Santi Arovitx, Career
 Department: U.S. Forest Service-Gallatin Nat'l Forest, Bozeman, MT
 Date of Death: 8/31/01
 Cause of Death: Died after a helicopter crash while fighting a wildfire near Emigrant Peak.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2002 – 7:00 P.M.

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Mickey Dean is the featured speaker for the 13th Annual RCFPI Dinner.

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Mickey Dean

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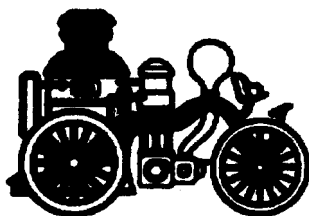
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THE BELL TOLLED

Former Chief Buddy O'Hanlon, Sipsey Valley VFD, Tuscaloosa County, passed away of a heart attack on September 5, 2001.

Ken Burrow, Four-C VFD, Marshall County, passed away September 14, 2001. He had faithfully served his department since 1986.

James Timothy "Tim" Smith, Flomaton VFD, Escambia County, passed away October 6, 2001.

George Zimmerman, a 10-year veteran of Lillian VFD, Baldwin County, passed away of cardiac arrest on October 20, 2001.

Charlie Cook, retired member of Underwood-Petersville VFD, Lauderdale County, passed away October 24, 2001. He had been a member of the UPVFD since 1979 and was currently a member of the Board of Directors.

Donald Bradford, Grove Hill VFD, Clarke County, passed away October 25, 2001.

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.

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

2001 National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service

The 20th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 7th, took on new meaning as it was one of the first nationally scheduled events to be held following the September 11 tragedy that claimed the lives of more firefighters in one incident than any other

recorded in history. The Memorial Service on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland remembered those who died in the line of duty during 2000, but most assuredly, became a prelude to future memorial events that will memorialize the firefighters who died

in the line of duty at the New York City World Trade Center.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation honored 99 firefighters from 38 states and Puerto Rico. In 2000, Texas lost the most firefighters with ten deaths, followed by Missouri and Pennsylvania with six each.



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