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14TH ANNUAL RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION INSTITUTE DINNER & VENDOR SHOW • SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2003

Mark Your Calendars! 29 March 2003, Rural Community Fire Protection Institute dinner, vendor displays and training sessions. This year, your Board of Directors has put forth an extra effort to have something for everyone. There will be three training sessions in the afternoon.

1. Mr. David L. Heaven, FBI agent from the FBI Bomb Data Center, will address the issues emergency services personnel should consider when working emergency operations, with particular emphasis on incendiary type devices.

Mr. Heaven has been a Special Agent for the FBI since 1977 and has worked in Alexandria, Virginia; New York, New York; and Huntsville, Alabama. He has been an FBI Bomb Technician since 1985, when he attended the Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal. During his career his investigative specialties have been Domestic Terrorism and Foreign Counterintelligence. He worked on the New York Joint Terrorism Task Force as the Bombing Coordinator and, after transferring to Huntsville in 1991, served as Evidence Response Team Leader for the Birmingham Division.

In June 1997 Mr. Heaven was assigned to the FBI Bomb Data Center and was posted to the Hazardous Devices School as Program Administrator.

2. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Director of Grant Programs has agreed to participate in one of the training sessions addressing the FIRE GRANT program. This session should be of interest to all concerned with fire and EMS services in Alabama.

3. Meth Labs and their Hazards - Meth labs use chemicals that are hazardous to any person coming in contact with them.

Some of the chemicals associated with labs are:

- Denatured alcohol
- Acetone
- Red Phosphorous
- Iodine Crystals
- Sodium Hydroxide (Red Devil Lye)

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Firefighters coming in contact with these chemicals during a fire would be very hazardous to their health. During lab operations phosphine gas is produced, conversion of red phosphorous to white phosphorous, toxic vapors of iodine and have exothermic/incompatible reaction of red phosphorous and iodine.

These chemicals cause eye, nose, throat, and lung irritation. They can also cause severe

burns, respiratory depression, unconsciousness and even death.

Because of potentially life threatening and chemically contaminated environments it is essential firefighters learn to detect and report, secure the scene and remove anybody that is unprotected.

A special for this year's program will be give-a-way drawings during the day. Throughout the day the RCFPI will hold drawings, for re-certified air packs. At press time of this newsletter we have 8 to 12 re-certified air packs for the GIVE-A-WAY Program. Most of these drawings, if not all, will be held during the training sessions.

Houston Co. Assn. Forms Honor Guard

The Houston County Volunteer Firefighters Assn. recently formed an honor guard made up of the fire chiefs of the 17 departments. The association purchased the uniforms at a cost of \$5200. We had asked for volunteers and discussed for several months with little interest before deciding to appoint the chiefs. The need was highlighted a couple of years ago when one of our firefighters (age 37) suffered a fatal heart attack at his workplace. The AAVFD Honor Guard was already obligated to another funeral in north Alabama. The family was very disappointed since the firefighter, a single man was such a dedicated volunteer.

As of yet, we haven't trained very much. We purposely will begin slowly, mainly serving as casket bearers and fold and present the flag, then hopefully ease into other areas of the service. We have also dedicated a "wall of memory" in our association training center for photo/plaques of our fallen brothers.



Seated left to right: Hodgesville Chief Kenny Givens, Cowarts Chief Roger Nall, Taylor Chief Scott Langley, Ashford Chief Jimmy Posey, Webb Chief Bill Thomas, Rehobeth Chief Larry Strickland, Wicksburg Chief Todd Smith, Gordon Chief John Williams.

Standing left to right: Columbia Chief Ray Waterworth, Bay Springs Chief Bert Woodham, Madrid Chief Chan Elliott, Cottonwood Chief Louie Danford, Kinsey Chief Charles Reneau, Lovetown Chief Gerald Morgan, Lucy Chief J. R. Sessions, Southern Junction Chief Nolan Harrell.

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Dennis



The Smart Way To Fight Fire

For the past two years this association, with the help of the Alabama Forestry Commission, has provided grants to the volunteer fire service for Wildland Fire Prevention. I am happy to announce that for the year 2003, we will continue this grant program. This association has received an additional \$100,000.00 from the Forestry Commission for this important program.

I will ask the grant committee to meet in January to review this project. Expect some major changes in the grant application. A review of our grant program by the University of North Alabama and The Northwest Alabama Council of Local Government have recommended five project areas for our Wildlife Fire Prevention Program. (1) Education, (2) Public Involvement/Public Information, (3) Advertisement, (4) Public Notice and (5) Promotional

Literature. An addition to the above changes, the Forestry Commission has extended the grant-reporting period for this association to December 2003. This will allow those who receive grants to prepare your program in time for National Fire Prevention Week, which is October 5-11. Another benefit by extending the time to December will give departments additional school days for your program.

This has been a learning process for forestry, the county association/volunteer departments and this association. The grant committee noticed many mistakes made by those who received the Wildland grants for 2001-2002. The most common of these were purchasing items not related to Wildland Fire Prevention. I do expect the grant committee to establish strong guidelines in the area. You must keep in mind this program is designed for **Wildland Fire Prevention** and not **Fire Safety**. As both fire prevention and fire safety are important to us as volunteers, this grant deals only with Wildland Prevention.

In today's fire service we are faced with two major problems. First, an increase in the number of emergency calls each year. Second, a continuous decline in volunteer firefighters in most departments across our state. As we are working hard to recruit volunteers, we must work equally as hard in reducing fires. One person from your department can present a fire prevention program at the time and place of your choosing. On the other hand, to fight a fire you must provide many firefighters, thousands of dollars in equipment, and the timing is not of your choosing. The reality of any fire prevention program is, it is the **"smart way to fight fire."**

VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE IN AMERICA

Volunteers comprise 73% of firefighters in the United States. Of the total estimated 1,064,150 volunteer and paid firefighters across the country, 777,350 are volunteer.

Communities served by Volunteer Firefighters depend on them to be their first line of defense for many types of emergencies. Volunteer firefighters are summoned to a wide array of emergencies across the country every day including fires, emergency medical incidents, terrorist events, natural disasters, hazardous material incidents, water rescue emergencies, high-angle and confined space emergencies, and other gen-

eral public service calls. The public relies on Volunteers to be their first line of defense in these emergencies. Volunteers spend an enormous amount of time training to prepare for these emergencies.

The majority of fire departments in the United States are volunteer. Of the total 26,354 fire departments in the country, 19,224 are all volunteer; 3,845 are mostly volunteer; 1,407 are mostly career; and 1,878 are all career.

Services contributed by Volunteer Firefighters save localities across the country an estimated \$36.8 billion per year.

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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, 2002				Effective December, 2002			
Fort Morgan	Baldwin	9/9	6	Babbie	Covington	9/9	7/9
Onycha	Covington	9/9	5/9	Bon Secour	Baldwin	5/9	4/9
Sand Valley	Etowah	9/9	6/9	Elamville	Barbour	9/10	7/9
Springville	St. Clair	6/9	3	McKenzie	Butler	8/9	7/9
Tucker's Chapel	Cherokee	9/9	7/9	Old Kingston/Browntown	Autauga	10	6/9
				White Oak Shores	Barbour	9/9	7/9

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 Firefighter Alex Taylor, Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, who was honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the City of Thomasville. Alex was honored for his support of local schools, churches and civic groups, as well as for his service as a volunteer firefighter.

Congratulations to Dick Newton, Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, who was honored as Firefighter of the Year.

Antioch VFD, Clarke County, received an Economic Impact Initiative Grant of \$29,250 through USDA Rural Development's community facilities program.

Springville VFD, St. Clair County, hosted an EMT Intermediate Refresher course in January.

Nokomis VFD, Escambia County, held a live-burn training session December 14th.

Bobo VFD, Madison County, hosted an EMT Basic Refresher Course January 11th & 12th.

Pinedale VFD and Whitney Junction VFD, St. Clair County, hosted a CPR class conducted by Life Saver in November.

Conecuh County Volunteer Fire Control Association held its annual Awards Banquet January 18th.

On November 5th, 2002, the citizens of Coosa County voted to instate a Fire Fee of \$35 per household, and \$50 per business, to be collected along with Ad Velorem taxes. This fee will go towards improving fire protection in this rural county. It will help fund the desperately needed improvements such as new turn-outs, repair or replace vehicles, additional hydrants, and fill other voids. Thank You to the voters, and congratulations to the firefighters.

Grove Hill VFD, Clarke County, Fire Chief Don English and Firefighters Jeremy Welch, Gary Johnson and Chris McVay attended the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Washington, D.C., October 5th and 6th, the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week. A "Sea of Blue" was created by 100,000 firefighters dressed in blue Class A uniforms, walking in the Processional led by the New York bagpipers. Family members of the fallen firefighters rode on chartered buses in the procession down Pennsylvania Avenue. Over 440 firefighters died in the line of duty in 2001; three honored were from Alabama.



Grove Hill Fire Chief Don English and firefighters Jeremy Welch, Gary Johnson and Chris McVay represented the Grove Hill Volunteer Fire Department at the special memorial service in Washington, October 5th and 6th.

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, 2003 for the March issue.

It's not too late to send your 2003 insurance enrollments!

The new year for AD&D insurance enrollments began on January 1, 2003, but it's not too late to send your renewals/applications to the Montgomery office. Policy cost is \$12.00 per year for \$10,000 coverage or \$20.00 per year for coverage of \$20,000. Coverage begins on the time your application reaches the office. If you need additional applications, contact the office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

AAVFD Scholarship Deadline Is March 31, 2003

The deadline for scholarship applications is March 31, 2003. This makes it possible for each of the winners to be recognized at their High School Graduation Ceremony.

Each year four scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are awarded. Each scholarship is given on a one-year basis and must be applied for each year regardless of previous applications and must be used within one year of award.

Applications must be mailed to the Montgomery office to the attention of Scholarship Chairman Roy Adamson and postmarked no later than March 31, 2003. For information on applying, contact the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

Annual Dues Reminder

Annual dues to AAVFD were due on January 2, 2003 and should be sent to the Montgomery office. Membership dues for county associations with 100% membership are \$35 per depart-

ment. Dues for individual fire departments are \$40 per department.

If you have not sent in your dues, 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 April 30, 2003

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 April 30th. The awards will be presented at the annual Conference in Fort Payne in June.

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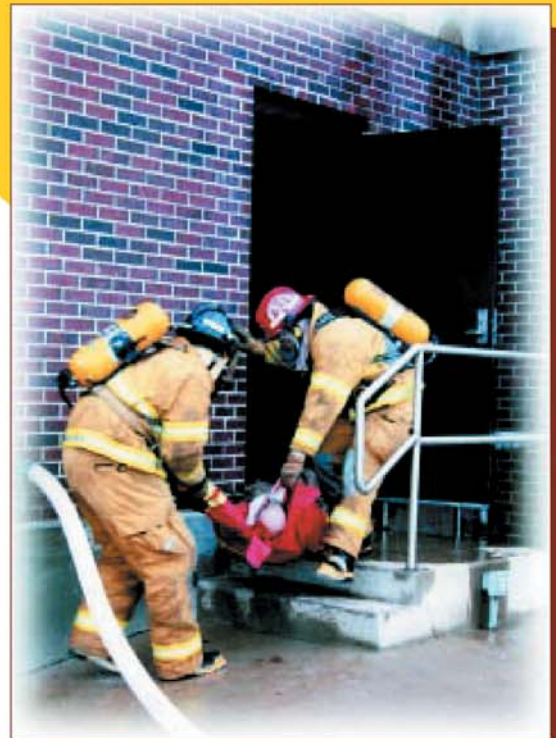
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14th Annual Rural Community Fire Protection Institute Dinner

4th Annual Rural Community Fire Protection Institute Dinner and Vendor Show is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2003 at the Montgomery Civic Center in Montgomery, Alabama.

The day begins with the vendor area opening to the public at 12:00 noon. There will be several companies displaying their trucks for attendees to look over inside and out. As well as, lots of associations and organizations present to talk about services that they offer to fire

departments and fire personnel. There will also be demonstrations during the day. The vendor area will close at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. During the evening we will hear from many state and local public officials and fire organization leaders. Our featured entertainment for the evening is the Alabama Blues Brothers. We are sure that you will enjoy their show. There will be several distinguishing awards presented during the course of the night.

Also, we will give away the door prizes that were registered for during the day in the vendor area. At the close of the evening, the vendor area will reopen for a short period. During this time, each dinner attendee with a ticket will be given a copy of this year's limited edition print.

Please make your plans to attend this event. Complete the registration form on the next page and return it to us. We hope to see you there!

ACCIDENTS? INJURIES? Are Our Members Covered?

by Roy Adamson, Clay County Firefighter

If you are currently providing Workers Compensation (W.C.) for your members you are probably thinking your members are covered for anything that would happen while they are doing fire department activities. While W. C. is without question the best insurance you can buy to protect your members it does not cover everything.

Here's a true and false pop quiz with answers that may surprise you.

1. While attending a meeting at the fire department, one of your members suffers a heart attack and is rushed to the hospital. He or she will be covered by Workers' Compensation, medical and disability benefits.
2. A volunteer earning \$600 a week misses one month of work because of a back injury he incurred while rolling hose. Workers' Compensation will replace all of his lost income.
3. The Chief asks his sister, who is not a member of the department, to help hang decorations in the fire depart-

ment building for an upcoming fundraising event. The ladder gives away and she falls, receiving a concussion. Workers' Compensation will cover her medical bills and provide disability income.

4. During a fire, a volunteer firefighter suffers from smoke inhalation and because of it misses two days of work from his regular job. Workers' Compensation will provide disability income for the days missed.

Unfortunately, they are all false.

1. Workers' Compensation typically doesn't provide benefits for heart attacks that occur in non-emergency events. Even in emergency situations it is a long drawn out process.
2. Nope . . . more like two-thirds of his paycheck, which is the maximum benefit Workers' Compensation provides for disability. In Alabama the most W. C. will pay is \$479 a week so members with higher incomes could actually receive less than two-thirds of their income.

3. Only listed members of the organization are generally considered eligible to receive Workers' Compensation benefits.

4. Alabama has a three-day waiting period. If your disability is under three days you will not receive a penny disability. If you are disabled for more than twenty-one days Workers' Compensation will pay the first three days. The medical bills incurred will be paid.

Surprised? Relying solely on Workers' Compensation can be costly.

Again, let me emphasize that WORKERS' COMPENSATION is the best insurance available for fire departments. Most accidents that cause injury are covered under Workers' Compensation, and the medical benefits that are provided by Workers' Compensation make it the best buy available. This article is just to let you know that Workers' Compensation by itself will not cover all your claims.



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Located in the northeast part of the state, the county seat is Fort Payne, also known as "The Sock Capitol of the World" and home to the country music group "Alabama" and our fire association is preparing to make this years conference, one of a kind.

We hope you will take advantage of the many resources and attractions throughout our county, including Little River Canyon National Preserve, Historic Sequoyah Caverns, Buck's Pocket and Desoto State Parks. If you can find time for fishing, DeKalb County Lake is one of the finest man-made lakes in the state.

We have over ten hotels and motels and many "bed & breakfast" facilities. We also have six

different facilities with accommodations for camping and Rv's, three museums including the Alabama Fan Club and museum, the Fort Payne Depot and The Hosiery museums.

DeKalb County is accessible via Interstate 59, Alabama Highways, 11, 35, 75, 117 and the scenic Lookout Mountain Parkway. We are approximately, 1 1/2 hours north of Birmingham and 1 1/2 hours east of Huntsville via I-565 to Alabama Highway 72 east to Alabama Highway 35.

The tentative schedule for the weekend will include a cookout Friday night and the final Board of Directors meeting of the year at the DeKalb County VFW fairgrounds. Saturday will begin early with the competition and vendor show so that everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy both, and both held at the VFW fairgrounds. Shortly after lunch the annual meeting

and the first board of directors meeting will be held at the historic DeKalb Theatre. Saturday evening, the banquet will take place at Wills Valley Recreational Center.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated tourism association that has done an outstanding job of promoting our county through their efforts and their website. If you would like to see the different accommodations, attractions and events that DeKalb County has to offer, visit www.tour-dekalb.com. We hope everyone will be able to take a few days before or after the conference to see our county and get just a taste of what we call home.

Accommodations will be available at four different hotels in Ft. Payne, the DeSoto State Park Lodge. We encourage everyone to make your reservations as soon as possible.

Reservations can be made beginning January 2, 2003. 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.

— Host Motel Information —

DeSoto State Park Lodge

Located: Just off Lookout Mountain Parkway on Co. Rd. 951
Phone: 256-845-5380
Avail/Price: Blocked six, 4-person rustic cabins @ \$74.90 per night
Blocked six, 4-person chalets @ \$96.00 per night
(These cabins and chalets will be held available until June 12th)
Amenities: Cabins and chalets come with kitchen, fireplace, linens & cable TV.
ID/Conf. #: Our block ID is "CGFIRE".
Our confirmation # is "74338"

DeSoto State Park Campground

Located: 261 County Road 951
Phone: 256-845-5380
Avail/Price: No campsites have been blocked.
58 campsites w/water, electricity, grill, tables, fire ring @ \$15.00 plus tax, per night.
20 campsites w/sewer, water, electric, grill, tables, fire ring @ \$17.30 plus tax, per night.
Amenities: Hiking trails, olympic size swimming pool
ID/Conf. #: None. All campsites will be first-come, first-served.

Days Inn

Located: On Highway 35 West at the 218 exit on I-59 County Road
Phone: 256-845-2085
Avail/Price: Blocked 25 rooms @ \$58.00 plus tax, per night. (register by June 1 for guaranteed rate and room - there will be other rooms available).
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ID/Conf. #: Contact Jane Robertson

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Located: On Airport Rd. (exit 218), across Highway 35 from Days Inn and across Airport Rd. from K-Mart.
Phone: 256-997-1020
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Department groups can fax your reservation information to 256-997-1080 (Attn Sara Malone). There will be other rooms available.
Amenities: Iron, ironing board, hair dryer, continental breakfast
ID/Conf. #: Fire Department

Econo Lodge

Located: On Highway 35 West at the 218 exit, on I-59 (beside Days Inn)
Phone: 256-845-4013
Avail/Price: Blocked 70 rooms @ \$44.95 plus tax, per night. (Must register before June 1 - There will be other rooms available).
Amenities: Continental breakfast, coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, largest pool in town
ID/Conf. #: Rooms blocked under Johnny Dennis

Ft. Payne Inn

Located: 1828 Gault Ave. North (across Gault Ave. from the VFW Fairgrounds)
Phone: 256-845-0481 / Fax 256-845-6152
Avail/Price: Blocked 60 rooms:
Single rooms @ \$34.00 plus tax, per night
King rooms @ \$36.00 plus tax, per night
Double & Exec Rooms @ \$38.00 plus tax, per night (Must register by June 6 - there will be other rooms available).
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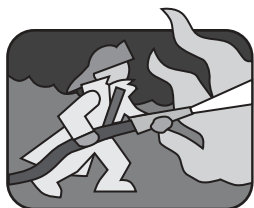
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Please remove all your clothes when
the light goes out.

*In a Veterinarian's
Waiting Room:*

Be back in five minutes.
Sit! Stay!

*On the Door of a
Computer Store:*

Out for a quick byte.

Notice in a Field:

The farmer allows walkers to cross
the field for free, but the bull
charges.

On a Repair Shop Door:

We can repair anything.
(Please knock hard on the door —
the bell doesn't work.)

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:

Invite us to your next blowout.

On an Electrician's Truck:

Let us remove your shorts.

In a Nonsmoking Area:

If we see you smoking, we will
assume you are on fire and take the
appropriate action.

On Maternity Room Door:

Push, push, push.

On a fence:

Salesman welcome; dog food is
expensive.

Sign at Psychic's Hotline:

Don't call us; we'll call you.

Outside a Muffler shop:

No appointment necessary; we hear
you coming.

In a Counselor's Office:

Growing old is mandatory; growing
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In a Safari Park:

Elephants please stay in your car.



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CLASS TIMES – All classes from 0800 -1700 unless otherwise noted.

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

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1-100 Introduction to Incident Command System

- ICS organization, terminology, and responsibilities.

Fire Operations in the Urban Interface

- (Overview) Trains initial attack incident commanders and company officers in confronting wildland fires.

Prerequisites: None

Completion of 5-day unit and Pack Test required for "Red Card" certification. (However, students are not required to take a Pack Test to complete this training unit. Pack Test is not part of this course, but may be administered on site.)

Session A - April 21-25. Fee: \$50.00.

Session B - April 26-27 plus May 3-4. Fee: \$40.00.

S-215 Fire Operations in the Urban Interface

Meets training needs for initial attack incident commanders and company officers confronting wildland fire that threatens life, property, and improvements. Prerequisites: I-100/I-200.

Dates: April 23-25. Fee: \$30.00

I-200 Basic Incident Command System

Introduces students to the principles associated with the Incident Command System. Covers organization, facilities, resource terminology, and the common responsibilities or general instructions associated with incident or event assignment. Prerequisite: I-100.

Dates: April 28-29. Fee: \$20.00

S-200 Initial Attack Incident Commander Type 4

(ICT4) Provides the individual in charge of the initial attack of small, non-complex fires the training needed for readiness and mobilization, size-up of the fire, and the administrative requirements that must be completed by the incident commander. Prerequisites: fully-qualified Single Resource Boss and S-215. If you have an *Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook*, please bring it.

Dates: April 26-27. Fee: \$20.00

I-300 Intermediate Incident Command System

Expands knowledge of ICS gained in I-200. Provides more description and detail of the organization and operation of the ICS, management of resources. Describes duties of all positions including the Air Operations organization, and provides examples of how the essential principles are used in incident and event planning. Prerequisite: I-200.

Dates: April 30-May 1. Fee: \$20.00

S-330 Task Force/Strike Team Leader

Provides skills and knowledge needed to successfully perform this position. Prerequisite: fully-qualified Single Resource Boss and S-215.

Required pre-work: read and have working knowledge of the *Wildland Fire Suppression Tactics Reference Guide* which will be mailed upon registration. Registration must be received by April 18 to allow time for mailing and study.

Dates: May 4-6. Fee: \$30.00

PRESCRIBED FIRE

AES- RxBoss State Prescribed Burn Manager

Curriculum for State Prescribed Burn Manager certification.

Prerequisite: none. Required pre-work: self-study publication furnished by the Alabama Forestry Commission. Registration must be received by April 14 to allow time for mailing and study of material.

Dates: April 29-May 2. Fee: \$40.00

PREVENTION

P-151 Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination

Trains potential wildfire investigators.

Prerequisites: S-130/S-190.

Dates: April 26-28. Fee: \$30.00

OTHER COURSES

ATV Operation

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

Session A: April 26. Fee: \$10.00

Session B: May 2. Fee: \$10.00

Global Positioning Systems

GPS application in firefighting. Prerequisites: none.

Dates: April 21-22. Fee: \$20.00

Dozer/Transport - For AFC personnel only!

Proper operation of AFC fire suppression units. Includes safety, maintenance, and dozer/transport operation.

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WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION

Fire Safety Refresher Course

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Session A: April 26. Fee: \$10.00

Session B: May 3. Fee: \$10.00

S-212 Wildland Power Saws

Proper use of chainsaws and techniques necessary on an incident. For wildland and prescribed fire crew members.

Prerequisites: S-130/S-190.

Dates: April 30-May 2. Fee: \$30.00

S-131 Advanced Firefighting Training

Training for advanced wildland firefighters and squad bosses.

Prerequisites: S-130/S-190.

Dates: Session A: April 26. Fee: \$10.00

Session B: April 27. Fee: \$10.00

S-230 Single Resource Boss

Training for crew boss on a wildland fire incident.

Prerequisites: I-100, I-200, S-130, S-190, S-131, S-290, fully-qualified Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss.

Dates: May 1-3. Fee: \$30.00

S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use

Knowledge, skills of portable pump operations.

Prerequisites: S-130/S-190.

Dates: April 23-24. 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. Required pre-work: registration must be received by April 4 to allow time for mailing and study of material. If you have an *Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook*, please bring it.

Dates: April 21-22. Fee: \$20.00

Alabama Wildland Fire Academy

Registration Instructions

- Registration must be postmarked **no later than** April 11 to receive \$10 per day rate.
- Registration postmarked after April 11 will increase to \$15 per day.
- Special registration deadlines apply for S-260, S-330, and Prescribed Burning.
- Mail registration to:
Alabama Wildland Fire Academy,
P.O. Box 1870, Alabaster, AL 35007.
- You may fax completed form to:
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- Make checks payable to:
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Lodging and Accommodations

- **Cleveland Farm**
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- **University of Montevallo**
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- **Brierfield Ironworks Park**
RV parking with hook-ups and showers.
Telephone: (205) 665-1856.
- **Holiday Inn Express - Calera**
Approximately 6 miles from Cleveland Farm.
Call (205) 668-3641 for rate and reservation.

What to Bring

- Classes are outdoors in tents and in field exercises.
Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.
(Long pants and boots are advised for some exercises.)
Students associated with an agency or department should dress
in accordance with that agency's dress code.
- Fire retardant clothing, hardhats, and safety gear are provided.
However, students who have their own wildland PPE should
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- Bring a *Fireline Handbook* if you have one.
(Ring binders are not supplied but would be convenient if you
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Meals

- Freshly prepared hot meals are catered daily for breakfast and
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Location

- The Alabama Interagency Wildland Fire Academy is held at
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Pelham Fire Department

(205) 620-6535 dmccurry@pelhamonline.com

AFC, other State of Alabama employees, and other State Forestry Agencies:

Doug Smith, Alabama Forestry Commission

(334) 240-9329 smithd@forestry.state.al.us

All other general, contact information should be addressed to
Cathy Cline, USFS (see contact information above)

Registration/Nomination Form

This form may be completed on screen and printed for mailing. The web site is www.forestry.state.al.us. Please use Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or higher. If you do not have Reader, it is available free at www.adobe.com.

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(Place an X by the course(s) you will be attending:)

_____ Basic Wildland Firefighter Training, <u>Session A</u>	Class Fee	\$ _____
_____ Basic Wildland Firefighter Training, <u>Session B</u>	Class Fee	_____
_____ S-212 Wildland Power Saws	Class Fee	_____
_____ S-131 Advanced Firefighter Training, <u>Session A</u>	Class Fee	_____
_____ S-131 Advanced Firefighter Training, <u>Session B</u>	Class Fee	_____
_____ S-230 Single Resource Boss (Crew Boss)	Class Fee	_____
_____ S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use	Class Fee	_____
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_____ S-330 Strike Team Leader	Class Fee	_____
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_____ Dozer/Transport (AFC only)	Class Fee	_____
_____ Annual Fire Safety Training, <u>Session A</u>	Class Fee	_____
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Most classes have a limit on the number of students. However, registrations will be accepted as long as space is available. Please note the special registration date requirements for S-260, S-330, and Prescribed Burning.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: **Captain Roger "Mikey" Dunn, Volunteer**
 Department: **Clute VFD, Clute, TX**
 Date of Death: **8/12/02**
 Cause of Death: **Collapsed and died from a cause still to be determined while working on the fire ground of a residential structure fire.**

Name/Rank: **Assistant Chief William H. Goodrich, Jr., Volunteer**
 Department: **North Hampton VFD, Allison Park, PA**
 Date of Death: **8/17/02**
 Cause of Death: **Collapsed at the scene of a residential structure fire from an apparent heart attack.**

Name/Rank: **Fire Police Captain Harold Coons, Jr., Volunteer**
 Department: **South Schodack FD, Castleton of the Hudson, NY**
 Date of Death: **8/30/02**
 Cause of Death: **Collapsed and died from apparent heart attack while assisting with traffic and set up of medevac landing zone at scene of major traffic accident.**

Name/Rank: **Firefighter Joseph J. E. Craft, Volunteer**
 Department: **Penn Hills Universal VFD, Penn Hills, PA**
 Date of Death: **9/3/03**
 Cause of Death: **Died of heart failure (a congenital heart defect) after returning from a call.**

Name/Rank: **Firefighter Jason Hampton, Volunteer**
 Department: **Almaville VFD, Smyrna, TN**
 Date of Death: **9/5/02**
 Cause of Death: **Killed while operating a tanker truck in response to brush fire when apparatus left roadway and crashed.**

Name/Rank: **Assistant Chief Roger McMillin, Volunteer**
 Department: **Martin VFD, Martin, SD**
 Date of Death: **9/10/02**
 Cause of Death: **Overcome by toxic hydrogen sulfide fumes while trying to rescue a worker at a feed mill who had fallen face down into a soybean molasses vat. He and the worker he was attempting to save were pronounced dead.**

Name/Rank: **Firefighter Michael Kruse, Career**
 Department: **Muscataine FD, Muscatine, IA**
 Date of Death: **9/14/02**
 Cause of Death: **Died on the scene of a structure fire when he became trapped when the roof collapsed.**

Name/Rank: **Firefighter Cassandra Billings Powell, Career**
 Department: **McLeansville FD, McLeansville, NC**
 Date of Death: **9/23/02**
 Cause of Death: **Killed enroute between stations when vehicle she was driving ran off the road and overturned.**

Name/Rank: **Captain Ralph Stott, Career**
 Department: **Terre Haute FD, Terre Haute, IN**
 Date of Death: **9/30/02**
 Cause of Death: **Killed in an explosion that caused a facade to collapse forward on several firefighters who were fighting fire at a garage auto body shop.**

Name/Rank: **Assistant Engineer George F. Batelli, Volunteer**
 Department: **Garfield Fire Company #1, Garfield, NJ**
 Date of Death: **10/1/02**
 Cause of Death: **Died from apparent heart attack while enroute to a structure fire.**

Name/Rank: **Captain Roger "Mikey" Dunn, Volunteer**
 Department: **Clute VFD, Clute, TX**
 Date of Death: **8/12/02**
 Cause of Death: **Collapsed and died from cause to be determined while working a residential structure fire.**

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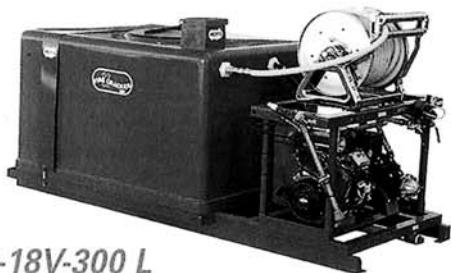
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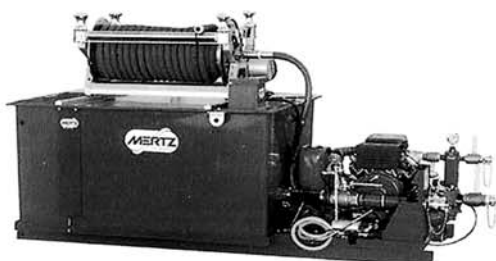
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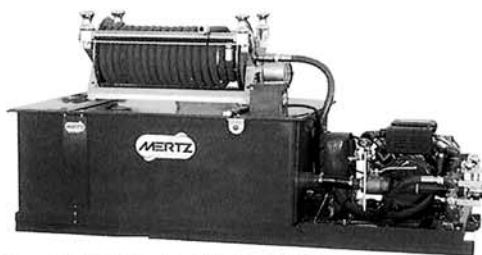
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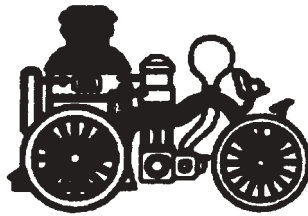
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There are two kinds of people who fail: those who listen to everybody and those who listen to nobody.



THE BELL TOLLED

Thomas H. Kornegay, charter member of Eoline VFD, Bibb County, passed away October 2, 2002.

Justin Gudger, Kingdom VFD, Shelby County, passed away 12/29/02. He faithfully served his department for 8 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. Johnny Dennis—(256) 766-4707 or Joey Boyd (256) 233-1597; or Clayton Cobb, Sr. (251) 578-2855; or Steve Dennis (334) 283-2110.

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

Almost...

Legislation to expand Federal benefits for line-of-duty deaths nearly made it through the U.S. Congress. The House of Representatives passed the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act, but the Senate failed to act on it in the last days of the 2002 session.

The legislation would have expanded the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act to include deaths from heart attacks and strokes suffered while on duty, or within 24 hours after participating in a training exercise or responding to an emergency. The current law allows benefits only if the death is a direct result of a personal injury

sustained in the line of duty. The current federal benefit is over \$260,000.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and other fire service organizations will work with firefighters survivors to develop a grassroots strategy for passage of the Hometown Heroes bill and broader state benefits. Contact your Senators and Representatives and ask them to support this effort. If you do not know your representative or Senator's telephone number or e-mail address, visit: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials> or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121.



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