



THE VOLUNTEER



The Official Newsletter of the
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

January - March 2009

ATTENTION!

*Honoring All Alabama Firefighters and
Emergency Medical Personnel*

*You may be eligible to receive the
Medal of Service or the Medal of Sacrifice*

To be presented at...

**Alabama Sports Festival
State Games
Opening Ceremonies**

**Birmingham Jefferson
Convention Complex Arena
June 19, 2009, 7:00 PM**

Televised Live Statewide!

**WBMA ABC 33/40 Birmingham
WDFX - TV34 Fox Dothan
WAFF - TV48 NBC Huntsville
WKRG - TV5 CBS Mobile
WSFA - TV12 NBC Montgomery**

***Get complete Information
and register online at
www.alagames.com
Go to "Honoring Our Heroes"***

or for more information call 800-467-0422

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Shay Wood



As we end the first quarter of the New Year, lots of things are going on across this state and the country. End of year reports are out, Governor Bob Riley has declared proration, budget talks and planning are taking place; layoffs are occurring across the country, and of course, we have a new president.

With all the changes taking place, we tend to take the "wait and see" attitude. **WRONG!** Just like Fire Prevention and Planning, **WE HAVE TO BE PROACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE.** If we "wait and see", it could be too late.

Financial times are going to be tougher for some volunteer fire departments this year and next with state funding being cut. With the FREE dedicated service the Volunteer Fire Departments and Volunteers provide their communities, counties and state, it is a shame that our legislators and Governor have allowed this to happen. It's hard to put an exact figure on the savings the Volunteer Fire Departments save OUR Great State, but I would project it to be at least in the millions, possibly in the billions annually!

When Volunteer Fire Departments start closing their doors due to these funding cuts, this will cause a hardship for adjoining departments since they would be required to pick up those coverage areas.

I have seen the Volunteer Fire Service in our great state make tremendous strides in the last few years. New stations, fire/rescue apparatus and better personal protective gear are seen throughout Alabama. **THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO START MOVING BACKWARDS!** AAVFD needs to join together NOW more than ever to make OUR voices heard. Surely the benefits provided to the State of Alabama outweigh the funding cuts our state government has deemed necessary for Volunteer Fire Services.

As I mentioned earlier, lots of things are happening across the country. One of the reports that were released was the annual LODD (Line of Duty Death) Report. One hundred fourteen firefighters were killed in the line of duty for 2008. Fifty deaths were a result of heart attack or stroke, 26 died in association with wildland fires, and 15 were killed in motor vehicle crashes. Of the 114, 56 were volunteers. Two out of the 56 were our own volunteers, Cody Adam Renfroe with Crossville VFD and Steven F. Bouchard with Snowdown VFD.

In 2008, we had 932 members, which is the highest number of volunteer fire department membership since AAVFD was organized in 1977. Only 80 departments out of 1,012 were not members. That is 92% of the volunteer fire departments in the state. I will work to increase membership to 100%. I need YOUR help to accomplish this goal.

The legislative session started February 3rd. Both Democrat and Republican Parties have now come together to get the business of legislation underway. In my past message (Oct-Dec 08 From the President's Desk), entry-level minimum hours of training to bridge to the 160-hour Volunteer Fire Fighter Certification was discussed. As President, my

goal is the advancement and safety of ALL volunteer firefighters. I feel a deep responsibility to YOU for accessibility to as much training that you can possibly engage in. You and I know that fire treats the trained and untrained as one and the same. Considering all the rumor and rhetoric that is going around the state, I feel that our Association and the Joint Fire Council must look into this matter thoroughly; therefore, NO legislative action concerning entry-level training will be considered in this 2009 legislative session. We will, however, be keeping a close eye and our ear to the ground for any type of federally-mandated training for our volunteers.

The President signed the Federal Economic Stimulus Agreement Tuesday, February 17th. Alabama stands to get about \$3 Billion, with \$133 million in discretionary money.

December 31, 2012 is the deadline to meet the FCC mandate to narrow band all conventional radio systems. No funding was provided with this mandate. Funds have been requested though this writer to Alabama's Congressional Delegation and President Barak Obama.

Make an appointment today with your U. S. and Alabama Senators and House members to discuss your needs. Try to make this happen on your turf, at your station. Make sure you place emphasis on the point that you can't wait until the next election year (2010) for them to react to your present situation.


On a positive note, AAVFD has partnered with the Alabama Firefighter Association (AFA) and other fire service organizations in a \$300,000 SAFER Grant for Recruitment and Retention. (See SAFER GRANT article elsewhere)

HJR28 was introduced by Speaker Seth Hammett to honor Alabama Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel on Friday, June 19, 2009, at 7:00 pm at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Complex. Detailed information is included elsewhere in this issue.

In closing, I would ask that you keep Mile Carlisle, District 5 Director, who lost his wife and Morris Lentz, Lauderdale County Association President who was seriously injured on the fire scene, in your prayers.

Remember, the future of the fire service depends upon OUR willingness to work TOGETHER. May "God Bless" our Association.

PS: If you haven't seen the movie "Fire Proof", please make it a point to do so. It is an excellent movie that will truly bless you.




Stop Heart Attack

Advanced Life Support/12-lead
Defibrillator sales and accessories

PHILIPS
Medtronic
LIFEPAK
DEFIBRILLATORS - AUTHORIZED DEALER

Now honoring the PACA bid pricing on

 **CARDIAC SCIENCE**

888-823-6967 Phone 205-823-7817 Fax
www.stopheartattack.com

INSIDE THIS EDITION

From the AAVFD President's Desk.....	2	Autauga County.....	12	Monroe County.....	23
Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Dept.....	5	Dallas County.....	13	Houston County.....	25
Monroe County.....	5	Safer Grant Committee.....	13	AAVFD Legislative Update.....	25
From Here and There.....	6	Governor Riley Presented Smokey Bear Sign.....	15	Limestone County.....	27
Bibb County.....	6	Baldwin County.....	15	2009 AAVFD Membership.....	28
AL Legislature Passes Joint House Resolution.....	8	Crenshaw County.....	15	National Firefighter Fatalities.....	30
Montgomery County.....	8	Shelby County.....	18	Classifieds.....	31
Resolution.....	9	Tuscaloosa County.....	18	The Bell Told.....	31
Lauderdale County.....	11	Pool of Grant Funds is Large.....	19	Condolences.....	31
Limestone County.....	11	AAVFD President Sworn in as Constable.....	21		
A Happy Ending.....	12	Houston County.....	23		

TUSCALOOSA FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.
A FERRARA FIRE APPARATUS DEALER



3714 Hargrove Rd E, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
PO Box 71647, Tuscaloosa, AL 35407

Toll Free: 800-406-7149

Phone: 205-556-0607 Fax: 205-556-0208

Email: tfe@tuscaloosafire.com Web: www.tuscaloosafire.com



Pump Testing



Used Trucks



SCBA Test Trailer



New Trucks



*High Pressure Compressors
and Breathing Air Systems*



*Mach III
Genesis Rescue Tools*

McQuay-Norris P-10000



SCBA's



*Hose and
Accessories*



Generator

Any equipment you require, sales of new or used apparatus, servicing and/or repair of your apparatus, pricing for grants and quotes or answering any questions, we at Tuscaloosa Fire Equipment, Inc. are here for all your firefighting needs.

Check out our web page for Specials under Equipment!

PRO-FIRE EQUIPMENT, LLC.

AT PRO-FIRE WE ARE A FULL SERVICE DEALER FOR PIERCE MANUFACTURING
AND WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A FULL LINE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT.
GIVE US A CALL AT 866-685-8201 FOR ALL OF YOUR FIREFIGHTING NEEDS.



COME VISIT US AT OUR SALES AND SERVICE FACILITY IN PELHAM, ALABAMA

Pro-Fire Equipment
20 Monroe Drive—Pelham—Alabama—35124
866-685-8201
WWW.PRO-FIRE.COM

SWEETWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Ronnie Bishop and his dedicated team of Volunteers

Sweet Water Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce our newest truck. The department applied for and received a replacement truck grant from F.E.M.A. for the sum of \$200,000.00. Due to problems in our area of getting water to put out fires, we decided on a 2008 Kenworth 3,000 gallon tanker/pumper that supplies 1250 GPM. We thank F.E.M.A. and the Sweet Water Town Council for making it possible to acquire this much needed addition to our department.



District 7 - Monroe County

2009 WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION GRANT

In partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission, the 2009 Wildland Fire Prevention Grant will be coming to you soon. \$95,000 has been appropriated for this year.

Uriah Chief Eddie Snow in Monroe County has been involved with the Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Program every year since 2003. Chief Snow states, "It has been a major part of our fire prevention programs since then. We would not be able to budget enough funds to allow our department to be involved in all the local fire prevention activities without the grant."

with matching funds from our department.

During the year the sign will post many different Wildland Fire promotions and will alert the community about no burn warnings issued from the Alabama Forestry Commission and many other Forestry-related topics dealing with wildfire. Uriah firefighters extend many thanks from our department and community for the efforts of AAVFD and the Alabama Forestry Commission in making these funds available to the state's volunteer departments that are involved in fire prevention programs.



Uriah VFD travels to the local school every year, providing a program with the K4 - 3rd grade students, as well as community events during the year. Standing in the picture with the sign purchased by our 2008 Grant award is our department-owned Smokey Bear, who was made possible a few years ago on the same grant. The sign stating "ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES" was purchased



President Wood accepts 1st Calendar produced with Wildland Fire Prevention Grant funds from printer, Austin Roton.

From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

The 2nd Annual Brierfield VFD Antique Tractor & Fire Equipment Show will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Brierfield Ironworks State Park in Bibb County. The gates open at 10:00 a.m. to the public, and the show features lots of antique tractors, fire apparatus, fire equipment demos by local firefighters, a kids' activity area with moonwalk and games, and great BBQ cooked by the firefighters. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under. All proceeds benefit the Brierfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept. For more info, visit www.brierfieldfire.org

Wagarville VFD, Washington County, held its annual Awards Banquet December 13, 2008. Congratulations to the following firefighters honored: Paul Pritchard - Most Improved; Angie Sullivan - First Responder of the Year; Sec/Treasurer Gracie Sullivan - Officer of the Year; Lt Stephen Stokes - Firefighter of the Year; and Robbie & Shannon Davidson (McIntosh VFD) - Special Support Award for support and dedication to Wagarville VFD. Appreciation certificates were presented to Evan Carden and Ellen Williams of the local newspaper "The South Alabamian". Chief Eric Sullivan was presented a gift from the department members in appreciation of his excellent leadership in 2008.

Congratulations to Lower Gainesville Road VFD in Greene County on achieving a 7/9 ISO rating, improving from a 9/10, effective June 1, 2009.

District 5 - Bibb County

The Brierfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department held its 4th annual Recognition Banquet on Saturday, February 7 at the Anna Irvin Hall on the campus of the University of Montevallo.

Keynote speaker was Executive Director of the Fallen Firefighters Association Ron Siarnicki, and Master of Ceremonies was Dollar Bill Lawson. Other dignitaries who attended and welcomed the firefighters and rescue personnel included State Senator Hank Erwin, Bibb County Commissioners Al Green and James Kelley, Executive Director of the Alabama Fire College Allan Rice, and University of Montevallo President Philip Walker.

Additionally, owner of Boatright Enterprises, Shane Boatright, presented the BVFRD with a \$25,000 check to help offset costs for a station renovation planned this year.

Those who received awards included:

Bill Brown Firefighter of the Year was presented to Justin Gillen

EMT of the Year was presented to Capt James Quillman

Auxiliary Member of the Year was presented to Martha McAllister

Firefighter Rookie of the Year was presented to Phillip Gillen

Mobile Fire Rescue Department is hosting a benefit Ball to support the funding of our safety and educational programs in Mobile and surrounding counties. This is a 150 year old event that was reestablished in 2008. Our Ball is scheduled for April 17, 2009. This event is a charity Ball and is now a non-profit organization known as the Firefighters Safety Foundation. We extend an invitation to all fire departments in the state of Alabama for this annual event. You may contact me personally by calling 251-463-7799.

PSC Reduces Siren Fee

On Tuesday, March 3, Alabama Public Service Commissioners Susan Parker, Jan Cook and President Lucy Baxley voted unanimously to reduce the weather siren customer charge from \$25.00 per month to \$9.30 for most of the sirens. A few sirens serviced by a meter will be \$13.30 per month. President Chauncey Wood and Rep. Richard Laird spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Departments at this meeting.

In pushing this reduction, Commissioner Susan Parker commented that she appreciated the commission staff and utility company officials working to expedite the reduction. "We all know the economic crisis many of our local governments are facing, and this critical service could not be put at risk."

The Rate reduction will take effect in the April bills.

EMT Rookie of the Year was presented to David Smitherman

Jim Seaman's Chief Award was presented to Randy Smitherman

The Best Drill Attendance Certificate went to Randy Smitherman

The Best Firefighter Call Attendance Certificate went to Justin Gillen

The Best EMT Call Attendance Certificate went to Justin Gillen

Additional recognition was given to current Chief Spruce McRee for his dedication and leadership to the community and the state.



L to R: Phillip Gillen, Randy Smitherman, Chief Ron Siarnicki, Chief Spruce McRee, Capt. James Quillman, David Smitherman, Martha McAllister - Photo by Daphney Walker

**N
A
F
E
C
O**



**Fire Apparatus,
Let's go with NAFECO...**



"For over 40 years, NAFECO's goal has been to provide the safest, most dependable products at affordable prices. We can deliver most items directly from stock, while providing the **BEST** customer service in America.

NAFECO is proud to be an American made company. We stand ready to assist the public safety personnel who protect this country in any way we can. The job of saving lives and protecting property is a job that will not wait. Therefore, we are available to you days, nights, weekends and holidays.

Give us a try. You will find our employees are dedicated to serving you. They are knowledgeable and seek to provide our customers with the best support available. NAFECO is extremely grateful to every customer who honors us with their patronage. When it comes time to choose your supplier, I hope you will say "**Let's go with NAFECO**".

Jerrell Oaks
Owner & Founder - Jerrell Oaks

800-628-6233 • 256-353-7100 • Fax 256-355-0852 • www.nafeco.com

20090101 ADVERT KME PHOTO

ALABAMA LEGISLATURE PASSES JOINT HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ALABAMA FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Ron Creel, President/CEO, Alabama Sports Festival

The Alabama Sports Festival, a nonprofit organization started in 1982, along with the state legislature and the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness are partnering to express their profound appreciation and gratitude for Alabama firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

On February 3, the first day of the 2009 Alabama regular legislative session, House Speaker Seth Hammett introduced a joint house resolution to honor Alabama firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

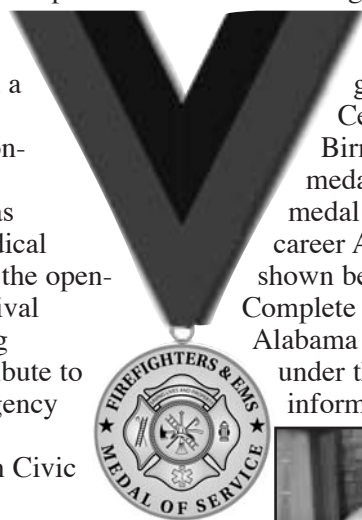
The legislature dedicated June 19, 2009 as Alabama Firefighter and Emergency Medical Personnel Day. This date coincides with the opening day of the 2009 Alabama Sports Festival XXVII, during which the event's Opening Ceremonies, including the momentous tribute to all career Alabama firefighters and emergency medical personnel, will be televised live statewide from the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Complex.

For 26 years, the Alabama Sports Festival has been a model mentor program for our youth, teaching good citizenship and academic skills. In 2007, under their good citizenship skills program, working with the Alabama Legislature, the ASF honored all Alabama military personnel who had been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan since 9/11 and family members of those military personnel who were killed in action, disabled or still deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. In 2008, the ASF honored all Alabama career law enforcement personnel and family members of law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty.

Continuing this tradition, this year's Opening Ceremonies will honor all Alabama firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

As part of the ceremony honoring Alabama firefighters and emergency medical personnel, the Alabama Sports Festival will present a specially designed and minted medal to each firefighter and emergency medical worker present at the Opening Ceremonies, June 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Complex. The medal is still being designed. When finished, the medal will resemble the Medal of Distinction given to career Alabama law enforcement officers in 2008 shown below.

Complete details on registration for the event are at the Alabama Sports Festival Web site (www.alagames.com) under the Honoring our Heroes section. For more information, visit the Web site or call 800-467-0422.



*Back Row L-R: Allan Rice, Jon Howell, Michael Bartlett, Tim Bailey, Dale Wyatt, Ed Paulk, Marc T. Riker
Front Row L-R: Ron Creel, Jon Lord, Gary Mackey, Chauncey Wood, Randy Cherry.
Not pictured: Dennis Blair, Matt Knight, Sandra Mott*

District 10 - Montgomery County

NORTH MONTGOMERY VFD

North Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department has approximately 30 members and is a proud member, as well as a contributor, to MDA "Fill the Boot". We thank all our firefighters county-wide for their service and dedication to Montgomery County.

The North Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department held its 10th annual Christmas Party, December 23, 2008. Special guest was the Air Evac Life Team of Elmore.

Four members were honored with the Most Improved Award, Annual Service Award, and Firefighter of the Year. Honored left to right were Lt. Bradley Curtis Greene, Firefighter Adam Segers, Firefighter Case Grant and Captain Brandon "Skinny" Golden.



State of Alabama
House of Representatives



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Resolution

HJR28

By Representatives Hammett, Allen, Baker (A), Baker (L), Ball, Bandy, Burton, Beasley, Beck, Bentley, Black, Boothe, Boyd, Bridges, Buskey, Canfield, Clouse, Coleman, Collier, Curtis, Davis, DeMarco, Drake, Dukes, Dunn, England, Faust, Fields, Fincher, Fite, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham, Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammon, Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Keahey, Kennedy, Knight, Laird, Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon, McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M), Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne, Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sunderford, Schmitz, Scott, Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams, Wood and Wren

HONORING ALL ALABAMA FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival, the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness, and the Alabama Legislature take great pride in continuing the "Honoring Our Heroes" program, a salute to all Alabama Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel who continue to serve or have served by protecting the safety of Alabama citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Sports Festival, a nonprofit organization, held its first Olympic-style games in 1983 and will celebrate its 27th Anniversary in 2009; while awarding some \$200,000 in academic scholarships, the organization discourages drug use, instills ethical values, and encourages patriotic pride; and

WHEREAS, in a continuing effort to honor all Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel, the Alabama Sports Festival, the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness, and the Alabama Legislature are partnering to express their profound appreciation and gratitude on Alabama Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day, June 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, this occasion coincides with opening day of the 2009 Alabama Sports Festival XXVII, during which the event's Opening Ceremonies, including the momentous tribute to all Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel, will be televised live statewide from the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Complex; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all Alabamians recognize and commend the tremendous services performed by Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel in maintaining the safety and improving the quality of life for all residents of the State; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That on behalf of all citizens of our great state, we join the Alabama Sports Festival and the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness in recognizing and honoring all Alabamians who continue to serve or have served as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel.



Beth Chagnon
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the GREAT SEAL of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 5th day of March, 2009.

Bob R. L.
GOVERNOR



Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments

32nd Annual Conference July 31 – August 1, 2009

Shoals Marriott Conference Center

800 Cox Creek Parkway South, Florence, Alabama 35630

Sponsored by the Lauderdale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

All pre-registrations should be post marked no later than July 1st

Pre-registration is \$30.00 per person

On-site registration or after July 1st

\$35.00 per person

Friday Evening – July 31, 2009

Registration – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Conference Center
Truck & Vendor Displays – Noon to 5:00 p.m. Conf. Center
Training/Meetings – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Conf. Center
Board Meeting – 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Conf. Center
Cook Out – 5:30 p.m. River Heritage Park

Saturday – August 1, 2009

Competition Registration – 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Veterans Park across from Hotel
Conference Registration – 8:00 a.m. – until Conference Center
Competitions – 9:00 to noon Veterans Park across from Hotel
Truck & Vendor Displays – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Conference Center
Annual Business Meeting – 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Conference Center
Children's Entertainment – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Conference Center
Awards Banquet – 7:00 p.m. Conference Center
Entertainment – Nashville Star Runner-Up, Zack Hacker

Everyone attending Conference activities and competing on Saturday must register for the Conference

Name badges must be shown to enter activities and compete in competitions

Alcoholic beverages will NOT be allowed at any Conference activity, meeting, competition, or in a raffle

LCAVFD is not responsible for any loss, accident or injury incurred during event

Appropriate dress is required by the hotel. Please dress casual to formal at the Awards Banquet.

Hotel Information

Please specify the AAVFD Group Rate when you call.

All rates are for King or Double.

Shoals Marriott Hotel and Spa 256-246-3600

1-800-593-6450

800 Cox Creek Parkway South, Florence, Alabama 35630

Rates: \$99.00 + tax

<http://www.marriottshoals.com>

Alternate Hotels

All Alternates are within in 2 miles of Conference Center

Jameson Inn Florence

256-764-5326

1-800-JAMESON

Rates: \$72.99 + tax

Hampton Inn Florence

256-764-8888

1-800-HAMPTON

Rates: \$79.00 + tax

Comfort Inn Florence

256-740-0444

1-877-424-6423

Rates: \$65.00 + tax

Any questions can be emailed to fpPhillips@bellsouth.net or Contact Paula Phillips @ 256-247-1614

Please fill out the following form, detach and mail along with payment to the following address:

LCAVFD

ATTN: AAVFD REGISTRATION

Post Office Box 2145

Florence, AL 35630

Fire Department - _____ Number attending - _____

Amount Enclosed - _____ Please make checks payable to the LCAVFD

Please print name and phone # of each individual attending conference

A LETTER FROM LAUDERDALE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Please consider this letter as a special invitation from the Lauderdale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments to the firefighters in our state for the 32nd conference in Florence, July 31-August 1, 2009. This is not the first time the Lauderdale County Association has hosted the state conference. But it will be the first time the host hotel is the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, which overlooks Wilson Dam. This year's location has it all. First, you can park your vehicle and not drive anywhere else unless you want to visit the many interesting places in Florence. For the kids, "River Heritage Water Park" will entertain the kids for hours. For teenagers, moms, and dads, the Marriott pool is second to none. For the wife, or maybe grandmother, the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa is the place where they will want to go. And for us older people, we have plans for entertainment after the cookout on Friday night.

This conference will have many fire vendors displaying the newest fire equipment. In addition, we will also have on display fire equipment over one hundred years old. If you wish to see how the fire service has changed, you must not miss this conference.

If you wish to stay at the host hotel, "the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa," make your reservations as soon as possible. We have less than one hundred rooms at Marriott. However, you may choose the Jameson Inn, Hampton Inn or Comfort Inn which are less than 1.5 miles from the conference center. If you choose to bring your camper, I recommend McFarland Park on the banks of the Tennessee River which has full hook-ups available for your convenience. You may make your park reservation by calling 256-740-8817

For the latest updates and to download your pre-registration form, log on the Lauderdale County Association web site: www.lcavfd.org.

If you have any questions, please call or email me at: 256-766-4707 Email jden42@comcast.net.

Johnny Dennis
Conference Chairman

District 9 - Limestone County

SENATOR BUTLER PRESENTS CHECK TO ARDMORE FIRE & RESCUE

On January 24, 2009, Ardmore Fire & Rescue was honored to receive a check from Senator Tom Butler (2nd District including Limestone and Madison Counties) in the amount of \$ 5,000.00. Senator Butler gave each volunteer fire department checks to support the departments. Ardmore Fire & Rescue will use the amount to go toward the purchase of a ladder truck. We would like to thank Senator Butler for this donation and all the great support he gives the fire service in the State of Alabama. Pictured are from the left Asst. Chief Jason Steele (AAVFD Honor Guard Member) and Fire Chief Tim Toone accepted a check from Senator Tom Butler.



A HAPPY ENDING....

In February, Morris Lentz, Rogersville firefighter and President of the Lauderdale County Fire Association, was seriously injured while fighting a structure fire when a wall fell on him and two other firefighters. The two firefighters sustained minor injuries and were not hospitalized.

Morris has undergone several surgeries for his injuries and continues to improve daily. He is very thankful that he made it out alive. He said, "It felt like an 18-wheeler had hit me when the wall fell. I knew that I would have a chance at life when I felt the other firefighters lifting the wall off of me. If it wasn't for the fast action of these firefighters on the scene and the Good Lord, I wouldn't be here today!"

Morris wants to tell everyone that he is very appreciative of all their thoughts and prayers. Cards or messages can be mailed to him at 48 Thornton Drive, Rogersville, AL 35652.



District 5 - Autauga County



Jennifer Lambert (center) with Independence VFD was honored as the Autauga County Fire Fighter of the Year at their annual banquet. Autauga County First Vice President Kenny Barber (far left) and President Adam Ball (far right) flank the nominees from each county department.



Don't spend a dime on narrow band 2-way radios UNTIL.....

you have all the facts on ALL the options!
The place to get those facts is from US!

- When do you HAVE to change to narrow band? (Clue – it's NOT 2009!)
- When do you HAVE to change to digital Communications? (Clue - think decade!)
- What digital standard has been selected by all agencies of the US Government?
- What happens in 2011, and why should you care?

If you would like the straight facts, give us a call or drop us an email to sales@falcondirect.com, or visit www.falcondirect.com/facts.



FALCONDIRECT
We Keep You Connected

800.489.2611

SMOKEY BEAR VISITS SCHOOLS IN DALLAS COUNTY

Chief James S. Corley, Craig VFD

On February 6th & 9th, Smokey Bear visited with students at Bruce K. Craig, Craig Head Start, Shiloh and Southside Elementary Schools. Smokey Bear fire safety literature and other items were handed out to approximately 600 total students. Craig Volunteer Fire Department and Sardis Volunteer Fire Department personnel accompanied Smokey Bear on behalf of the Dallas County Volunteer Fire Department Association. Materials provided were funded by Alabama Forestry Commission and AAVFD Wildland Fire Prevention 2008 Grant funds.

Smokey Bear also visited the Orrville Volunteer Fire Department sponsored Antique Tractor Day, as well as the Selma and Minter Christmas Parades.



SAFER GRANT COMMITTEE

The Alabama Firefighter Association was awarded the Assistance to Firefighter Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to implement a Volunteer Recruitment program targeting females and minorities and funds to contract with a professional service to develop a complete statistical database of firefighters in Alabama.

The lack of volunteers is a growing problem: From 1984 to 2006, the number of volunteer firefighters nationwide dropped by 8 percent, or nearly 74,000, according to NFPA. And during this time, the number of emergency calls to both paid and volunteer departments doubled.

The SAFER Act was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, front-line firefighters available in their communities.

The purpose of this SAFER grant program is to support

the volunteer fire departments in Alabama in their efforts to increase the number of volunteer firefighters in Alabama in an effort to reach NFPA 1720 compliance during structural alarm response and to develop an advertising campaign, targeting the minority and female population, concerning the need for volunteer firefighters.

The SAFER Grant Committee began meeting on September 23, 2008, and continues their efforts to bring this grant to completion by partnering with other firefighter groups, including the Alabama Fire Chief Association, Professional Fire Fighters Association, RCFPI, AAVFD, Alabama Forestry Commission and Alabama Fire College.

The success of the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention program will be measured by the development of a formal recruitment program for the purpose of recruiting minorities and females and recruitment of new volunteers reflective of the state population demographics of 26% minority and 51% female.



L-R: Buddy King, PFFA - Sandra Mott, AAVFD Executive Assistant - Chauncey Wood, AAVFD President - Tim Bailey, AFA President - Joe Lynch, Project Chairman - Ed Paulk, State Fire Marshal

BRUSH TRUCKS & Equipment



Sava

Phoenix



BAY FIRE

A Step Above the Competition

2400 Hwy 31S • P.O. Box 1024 • Bay Minette, AL 36507
Phone: (800) 453-2025 • (251) 937-2829 • Fax: (251) 937-2863

www.bayfireproducts.com



Custom Built Brush Trucks Options are Your Choice!

Stainless Steel Plumbing
Nerf Bars
All Aluminum Bodies
Ford and Dodge Chassis
Akron Style Swing-Out Valves
Gas & Diesel Pumps
Custom Lighted Compartments
Quick Delivery Times
LED Light Bar
Built to Your Specifications
Poly Tanks with Lifetime
Warranty
Many other Features Available!

***Superior Quality
Quotes are FREE***

CALL (800) 453-2025 to
CUSTOM BUILD a truck for
Your Department's Special
Requirements!

Quality Pre-Owned Trucks

Several Trucks to choose from at UNBELIEVABLE prices!
One Telephone Call May Save You Thousands!

GOVERNOR RILEY PRESENTED SMOKEY BEAR WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION SIGN

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments takes a leadership role in ensuring that our state volunteer fire departments provide for the citizens of the communities they serve to be educated and prepared for the threat of Wildland fire. Recent wildfires across the U.S. serve as vivid reminders of this threat.

The Alabama Forestry Commission provides funds for a Wildland Fire Prevention Grant that this association administers each year. This year, \$95,000 will be awarded.

A Smokey Bear sign purchased with funds from this grant was presented to Governor Bob Riley. This sign is available to all state volunteer fire departments.

Pictured (Left to right) State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk, Assistant State Fire Marshal Scott Pilgreen, Governor Riley, Alabama Forestry Commission Fire Division Director Dan Jackson, AAVFD President Chauncey Wood and Public Relations Director Butch LeCompte.



District 8 - Baldwin County

LONG-TIME LANDMARK ON WOLFE BAY BURNS

Submitted by: Chief Ray Hogans, Lillian VFD and District 8 Alternate Director

Elberta Firefighters were paged out to a fire at a long-time landmark on Wolfe Bay. The Wolfe Bay Lodge Restaurant, a large commercial business located directly on the waters of Wolfe Bay in Elberta Alabama just off the Gulf of Mexico, was a fully involved structure fire upon arrival.

Lillian VFD Snorkel 37 was the only aerial to respond and was immediately placed into service with a pumper on a hydrant and supplemented by tanker relay operations from Perdido Beach VFD and Josephine VFD in order to meet the water needed of this old Pitman Snorkel. For the next 5+ hours the old Pitman Snorkel strutted her stuff again pumping an estimated, 140 to 150 thousand gallons of water during this intense fire. After the fire was extinguished, all units returned to service from this major fire with no injuries or incidents during the 5 + hour ordeal with four fire departments working together for the common goal. Snorkel 37 is in service today, first out aerial and fully certified.

Good training and well planned mutual aid and well maintained equipment, regardless of the age of the apparatus, is the key to any successful fire call in anyone's area.



District 7 - Crenshaw County

District 7 Fire Association met in Luverne. President Chauncey Wood joined First Vice President William Neal, District 7 President and Alternate Director Joey Moffett and District 7 Director and Honor Guard Commander Daniel Day for their February meeting.



BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN

FIRE APPARATUS, LLC



1996 Spartan/Smeal 100' Platform
Detroit Series 60 470 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060P Automatic
Waterous CSUYBX 1500 GPM Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank
Elkhart 240-95P Foam System



1994 Simon Duplex 95' Quint
Detroit 8V92TA 475 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic Transmission
Waterous 2000 GPM Pump
200 Gallon Poly Tank



1989 Pierce Arrow 75' Quint
Detroit 8V92TA Diesel
Allison Automatic Transmission
Waterous CSUYBX 1500 GPM Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank



1994 KME 75' Aerial
Detroit 400 HP Diesel
Allison HTB741 Automatic
Hale QSMG150-23 1500 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Poly Tank



1992 E-One 75' Quint
Detroit 6V92TA 400 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic
Hale QSMG125-23 1250 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Poly Tank
Akron Foam System



1994 KME 55' Aerial
Detroit 300 HP Diesel
Allison HTB741 Automatic
Hale QSG125-23 1250 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Tank



1996 E-One Hurricane 75' Quint
Cummins M-11 450 HP Diesel Engine
Allison Automatic Transmission
Hale 1250 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



1998 E-One Heavy Rescue
Cummins 8.3L 325 HP Diesel
Allison MD3060P Automatic
20KW Pto Generator
12,000# Winch on Front



2002 FL/ALF Heavy Rescue
Cummins 8.3L 315 HP Diesel
Allison MD3060P Automatic
Onan 25KW PTO Generator
Roll-out Trays



1996 Seagraves Heavy Rescue
Detroit 6V92TA 400 HP Diesel
Allison HT741 Automatic
Winco 45KW PTO Generator
Safe Air Breathing Air Compressor
Four Bottle Cascade w/Refill



1992 Int'l/Hackney Heavy Rescue
Int'l DTA466 230 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic
Katolight 28KW PTO Generator
Ingersoll SCBA Compressor
Ingersoll 4-Bottle Fill Station



1986 American Eagle Heavy Rescue
Cummins M11 330 HP Diesel
Automatic Transmission
Ramsey 12,000# Winch
Enclosed Seating for 6



1987 Int'l/Hackney Heavy Rescue
International S1900 Chassis
Enclosed Seating for 3
Navistar DT466 210 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic



2006 Gimaex 4x4 Brush Truck
Ford Power Stroke 6.4L Diesel
Allison Automatic Transmission
Gimaex OS-C2-110 B CAF System
250 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



2006 GMC 4x4 Wildland Truck
GMC Diesel, Allison Automatic
Waterous 300GPM 300psi Diesel Pump
Pump Engine: Cummins B3.3 70 HP
500 Gallon Poly Tank
Foam-Pro Dual-Agent Foam System



2000 Spartan Pumper/Tankers
Detroit Diesel, Allison Automatic
Waterous 1500 GPM Pump
1250 Gallon Poly Tank
Feecon Foam System



1988 Wolverine Pumper/Tanker
Detroit 8V92TA Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Hale QSMG 1500 GPM Pump
1200 Gallon Steel Tank



2000 International 6x6 Tanker
Cummins N-14 370 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic Transmission
Gas Pump with Ford Engine
3000 Gallon Steel Tank



1996 Pierce Dash Rescue Pumper
Detroit Series 60 Diesel Engine
Allison Automatic Transmission
Waterous 1500 GPM Top-Mount Pump
1000 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



2007 E-One Rescue Pumper
Cummins ISL 370 HP Diesel
Allison EVS 3000 Automatic
Hale QFLO 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump
970 Gallon Poly Tank
30 Gallon Foam Tank

866.285.9305

www.FireTruckMall.com

BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN

FIRE APPARATUS, LLC



2004 ALF Custom Rescue Pumper

Cummins 370 HP Diesel
Allison 4000EVS Automatic
ALF 2000 GPM Top-Mount Pump
500 Gallon Poly Tank



2002 Saulsbury Rescue Pumper

Cummins Diesel, Allison Automatic
Hale 1500 GPM Rear Mount Pump
500 Gallon Poly Tank
Foam Pro Injection System



2003 ALF Rescue Pumper

Detroit Series 60 430 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060P Automatic
Hale 1500 GPM Top-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Command Knight II Light Tower



1989 E-One Rescue Pumper

Detroit 6V92TA Diesel Engine
Allison HT 740 Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
500 Gallon Aluminum Tank
Feecon ATP Foam System



1994 E-One Rescue Pumper

Detroit 6V92TA Diesel Engine
Allison Automatic Transmission
Hale QSMG150-21 1500 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Polypropylene Tank
Elkhart 240-P Foam System



1989 E-One Rescue Pumper

Detroit 6V92 Diesel
Allison Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Rockwood Around-the-Pump Foam



1993 E-One Cyclone Rescue Pumper

Detroit 8V92TA Diesel
Allison Automatic
Hale 2000 GPM Side-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Williams Foam System



1993 E-One Rescue Pumper

Navistar DT466 Diesel
Allison MT643 Automatic
Hale 2-Stage 1250 GPM Pump
700 Gallon Poly Tank
Foam System



1992 Spartan/Quality Pumper

Detroit Series 60 430 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060PR Automatic
Waterous 2000 GPM Top-Mount Pump
1000 Gallon Fiberglass Tank



2000 Pierce Contender Pumper

Detroit Series 40 300 HP Diesel
Allison MD3060 Automatic
Waterous CSYCX 1250 GPM Pump
1000 Gallon Poly Tank



1994 E-One Cyclone Pumper

Detroit 470 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Feecon ATP 400 Foam System



1992 E-One Protector Pumper

Cummins 8.3L 300 HP Diesel
Allison MD3060 Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
1000 Gallon Poly Tank



1995 Pierce Quantum Pumper

Detroit Series 60 470 HP Diesel
Allison HD 4060P Automatic
Waterous CMYCX 1250 GPM Pump
1000 Gallon Steel Tank



1988 Pierce Custom Pumper

Cummins M-11 350 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Waterous CMU 1500 GPM Pump
1000 Gallon Tank



1988 Ford/Quality Pumper

Cat 3208 250 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic
Waterous CSYBX 1250 GPM Pump
750 Gallon Fiberglass Tank



1988 E-One Hurricane Pumper

Detroit 350 HP Diesel
Allison Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Top Mount Pump
750 Gallon Aluminum Tank
Feecon Model AP Foam System



1998 Int'l/Ferrara Pumper

Navistar 8.7L 300 HP Diesel
Allison MD3060 Automatic
Waterous CMYCX 1250 GPM Pump
1000 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



2001 FL/ALF Commercial Pumper

Cat 7.2L 300 HP Diesel Engine
Allison Automatic Transmission
ALF ALD-1500 1250 GPM Pump
1000 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



1995 Ford/E-One Pumper

Cummins 8.3L Diesel
Allison Automatic
Waterous 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
1000 Gallon Poly Tank



1992 Ford 4x4 Service Truck

Ford 7.5L Gasoline Engine
Automatic Transmission
Powermate 4KW Gas Generator
10,000# Winch in Front Bumper

866.285.9305

www.FireTruckMall.com

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Submitted by Linda Boothe, Pea Ridge Fire and Rescue

Please meet Morgan Alexander in his firefighter gear. He is the two year old son of Cory Alexander, a volunteer firefighter with the Dry Valley Fire Department in Montevallo, Alabama. About four years ago Morgan's brother, Matthew, appeared on the cover of "The Volunteer" as the baby in his dad's fire helmet. (You can see this picture on www.aavfd.org Oct-Dec 2005 issue.) Morgan is a representative of our future of volunteer fire departments. This little boy and his brother love everything about the fire department and hope someday to be "just like their dad". This picture expresses the hope that our fire departments have in looking forward in these troubling times. Even when our future looks bleak according to the news media, at least we can see a silver lining in the dark clouds when we look at a picture of a child whose idol is a fireman.



District 3 - Tuscaloosa County

IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT: SAMANTHA STYLE

Written By Billy Green, CLEM/ALEM, Deputy Director, Tuscaloosa County EMA

Samantha: The day before a blanket of snow would cover all of Tuscaloosa County, volunteer firefighters from across Tuscaloosa and Hale County made their way to the Samantha Volunteer Fire Department to take part in a Propane Gas Emergency class conducted by, Jimmy "Lil Bull" Conner of the Alabama Fire College. Over 40 firefighters participated in this training which included class room, skill review and live burn training.

The class consisted of students with all levels of experience, from the season veteran to the new guy with less than six months in a department. However the re-occurring theme was: "This is some of the best training I have ever attended!"

"This training has been very beneficial to me personally and to the department. Being located in a rural area like we are, the chances that we encounter an incident that may involve a propane tank are more likely. This training will better prepare our department to possibly save the life of an individual and to assure firefighter safety in doing so," Steve Ballard, Firefighter - Samantha VFD.

"When they lit the simulator for the first time, all I could think was WOW, there is no way I am going to do this. The flames were going everywhere and it looked to swallow the first team as they approached. Then it was my turn and I took a deep breath and remembered what the instructors taught me. My doubts and fears were overcome by my

training and personally, I can't wait to do it all again," Darrell Booth, Deputy Chief - Coker VFD.

"It is important that we train our firefighters as much as possible and through the assistance of the Alabama Fire College we are now getting that training to the volunteers that might not have received such training otherwise. This is by far some of the best training I have received and I would highly recommend other departments to participate in it if they have a chance also," Gary Honeycutt, Chief - Samantha VFD.

Special thanks to: the Alabama Fire College, Jimmy "Lil Bull" Conner and his group of instructors from Moundville Fire and Coaling VFD, Northside Lions Club for the use of their facility, Tuscaloosa Fire Equipment and Tuscaloosa County Fire Protection Association for lunch and refreshments, and Dowdle Gas for the donation of the propane.



POOL OF GRANT FUNDS IS LARGE DIVE-IN!

Since 2001, the federal government has allocated billions of grant dollars annually for the purposes of reinforcing critical infrastructure and enhancing the safety and capabilities of emergency response agencies nationwide. Although hundreds of smaller state and corporate grant opportunities are also available each year, by far the largest pool of grant funds can be found within the Federal Fire Act grant programs, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Fire Act grants are awarded to fire departments, and in some cases “non-affiliated” EMS agencies, for the purposes of enhancing their ability to protect the public and emergency personnel. Three types of Fire Act grants are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER), and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S).

Each opportunity focuses on a different operational area; thus, it's important to have a thorough understanding of program eligibility requirements, allowable activities, local cash match, due dates and other grant details.

Let's take a closer look at the three Fire Act grants. (The majority of the following information was taken directly from the issuing agencies' Web sites to ensure these opportunities are accurately presented.)

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG)

Next application period: Spring 2009

Source: DHS-AFG-08 Guidance

www.firegrantsupport.com



The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critical equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and fire-related hazards. The National Preparedness Directorate in FEMA administers the grants in cooperation with the U. S. Fire Administration (USFA). For fiscal year 2005, Congress reauthorized AFG for an additional five years through 2010. Eligible activities for AFG will correspond to two categories: vehicle acquisition and/or operations and safety.

OPERATIONS AND SAFETY ACTIVITY:

Training, fire equipment, EMS equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), wellness and fitness, and modifications to stations and facilities.

VEHICLE ACQUISITION ACTIVITY:

For fire departments, this includes but isn't limited to, pumpers, brush/attack units, tanker/tenders, rescue vehicles, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam trucks and fire-boats. For nonaffiliated EMS organizations, this is for ambulances, rescue and command vehicles, but not fire-fighting apparatus.

According to the 2008 guidance document for the AFG, a “non-affiliated EMS organization” is defined as a public or private nonprofit EMS organization that provides direct emergency medical services, including medical transport, to a specific geographic area on a first-due basis but is not affiliated with a hospital and does not serve a geographic area where emergency medical services are adequately provided by a fire department. Fire departments or nonaffiliated EMS organizations operating in any of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico are eligible for AFG funding. In making the determination regarding “adequately provided”, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will conclude that any nonaffiliated EMS organization would be eligible if it is “adequately providing” direct emergency medical services at the time of application submission and is in good standing with the community, i.e., licensed and/or chartered to provide EMS care to the community. Rescue squads that provide direct emergency medical services, including medical transport, to the community they service are eligible to apply as nonaffiliated EMS organizations. “Not affiliated with a hospital” means that the applying organization doesn't receive any kind of direct support from a hospital in the form of funding, facilities, staff, equipment or apparatus. Contracting with a hospital on a fee-for-service basis would not constitute an “affiliation” in the context of AFG. Also, for the purposes of the AFG, a “hospital” is defined as an organization, clinic, medical center, medical college or university, infirmary, surgery center, or any other institution, association or foundation that provides medical, surgical or psychiatric care and treatment for the sick or injured.

STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER)

Next Application Period: Summer 2009

Source: DHS-SAFER-08 Guidance

www.firegrantsupport.com



The SAFER grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help increase the number of trained, frontline firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance local fire depart-

ments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards, established by NFPA and OSHA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPSA 1720 and OSHA 1910.134).

Specifically, SAFER funds should help local fire departments increase staffing and deployment capabilities for emergency response. As a result of the enhanced staffing, response times should be sufficiently reduced with an appropriate number of personnel assembled at the incident scene. Also, the enhanced staffing should ensure all front-line/first-due apparatus of SAFER grantees have a minimum of four trained personnel to meet the OSHA standards referenced above. Ultimately, a faster, safer and more efficient incident scene will be established and communities will have more adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE SAFER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

HIRING OF FIREFIGHTERS ACTIVITY:

The Goal is to award grants directly to volunteer, combination and career fire departments to help increase the number of frontline, active firefighters and ensure the department has adequate personnel to respond to and safely perform at an incident scene, thus providing the community protection from fire and fire-related hazards. This activity provides five-year grants to assist fire departments in paying a portion of the salaries of newly hired firefighters. These new positions must be in addition to currently authorized and/or funded active firefighter positions.

Grantees are required to match an increasing proportion of the salary awarded over a four-year period; in the fifth year of the grant, the grantee must absorb the entire cost of any positions awarded because of the grant. The federal share of salaried and associated benefits is limited to a total of \$105,425 per position over the course of the performance period. There's no funding limit for any application or a limit to the number of positions eligible for funding per application. However, applicants requesting large numbers of firefighters must make a strong case for their request.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ACTIVITY:

The goal of this activity is to create a net increase in the number of trained, certified and competent firefighters capable of safely responding to emergencies likely to occur within the fire department's geographic response area. The primary focus is the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters who are involved with or trained in the operations of firefighting and emergency response. Volunteer, paid-on-call and combination fire departments, as well as local and state volunteer firefighter interest organizations, are eligible to receive grants.

FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY (FP&S)

Next Application Period: Fall 2008

Program Delayed till Early 2009

Source: DHS-FP&S 07

www.firegrantsupport.com



These grants are part of the AFG and are under purview of the National Preparedness Directorate in FEMA. FP&S Grants support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to target high-risk populations and mitigate high incidences of death and injury. Examples of projects supported by FP&S include fire prevention and public safety education campaigns, juvenile fire setter interventions, media campaigns, and arson prevention and awareness programs. In fiscal year 2005, Congress reauthorized funding for FP&S and expanded the eligible uses of funds to include Firefighter Safety Research and Development.

Eligible Activities Include:

Fire Prevention and Safety:

Public education campaigns, smoke alarms, sprinkler awareness, code enforcement/awareness, firefighter safety, training, wildfire prevention and awareness, arson prevention/awareness, risk assessment and general prevention awareness.

Firefighter Safety Research and Development:

Projects include, but are not limited to, database/date collection and analysis projects/systems, social science studies/projects and technology studies that address injury outcomes or their surrogates (such as firefighter safety, wellness, fitness or health).

While the majority of fire and EMS grant opportunities are offered by the federal and state governments, there are many smaller corporate and foundation grants which are available. These smaller grants probably won't provide the type of funding required for larger projects like purchasing new apparatus or the hiring of additional staff, but for smaller projects they may well do the trick. I would strongly encourage you to look beyond well-known opportunities for those yet to be discovered in your own backyard. Local business and industry shouldn't be overlooked as potential grant-funding streams. We've chosen to highlight the following three corporate grants because of their proven track records of funding, as well as their continued support for communities.

FIREMAN'S FUND HERITAGE

Since 2004 Fireman's Fund Insurance Company has awarded more than \$20 million in grants for needed equipment, training and community education programs. Employees and independent agents nominate fire departments and are encouraged to provide volunteer support.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HERITAGE PROGRAMSM AT FIREMAN'S FUND[®] VISIT WWW.FIREMANSFUND.COM/HERITAGE

FM GLOBAL FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

National, regional, state, local and community organizations can apply for funding through the Fire Prevention Grant Program offered by FM Global. The grant provides support for many aspects of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including preplanning, firefighting in sprinklered buildings, fire and arson prevention education and training programs.



**FOR MORE, VISIT
WWW.FMGLOBAL.COM/PAGE.ASPX?ID=1060200**

STATE FARM SAFE NEIGHBORS GRANT

Funding from the State Farm Safe Neighbors Grant is available to meet your community-based needs. The funding is directed to improving driver, vehicle and roadway safety; shielding homes from fires, criminals and natural disasters; supporting disaster preparedness programs and recovery services; and enhancing personal financial security. Grant requests for local initiatives are evaluated and approved by State Farm field offices based on available funding.



**FOR MORE, VISIT
WWW.STATEFARM.COM/ABOUT/PART_SPOS/GRANTS/COGRANTS.ASP**

AAVFD PRESIDENT SWORN IN AS CONSTABLE

AAVFD President Chauncey Wood was elected unopposed in his beat and sworn in January 15th as Constable in Barbour County. The Constable is a peace officer with jurisdiction throughout his county. He has full arrest powers, essentially the same as the Sheriff, and as Constable, he has the authority to suppress fires and to act as a Forest Warden. He has the authority to enforce both the traffic Code and the Criminal Code of Alabama. The Sheriff and Constable are the only two elected law enforcement officers in the United States.



AAVFD President Chauncey Wood presents an AAVFD cap to Warden II Darrell Parker upon Warden Parker's retirement from the Alabama Department of Corrections after 33-plus years with the Agency.



Ben Milam, Odenville Firefighter in St Clair County and member of the North Honor Guard, donated this American flag for use at the funeral of a Fallen Volunteer Firefighter. This flag is used to honor the firefighter and waves patriotly from the decks of the department ariel trucks, providing the family with a very meaningful addition to the ceremony. Thank you, Ben!





LET US BUILD YOUR NEXT VEHICLE

Our sales staff has over a quarter-century of experience in fire-fighting and emergency medical equipment utilization and training. **LONG-LEWIS FORD** has nearly a hundred years of serving you with emergency vehicles Built Ford Tough.

Call us today for expert advice from
people you can trust.

Ted Kavich, EMT
Chief Waterloo VFD
FLEET SALES MANAGER
PAST PRESIDENT LAUDERDALE COUNTY AVFD
CERTIFIED-LIGHT, MEDIUM, HEAVY TRUCKS



CERTIFIED-LIGHT, MEDIUM, HEAVY TRUCKS

2800 Woodward Avenue, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
256-386-7800 1-800-832-2233 256-381-0079
www.longlewisford.com

STRUCTURE FIRE IN MALVERN

On January 29, 2009, Malvern Fire units were on Main Street at a structure fire in Malvern. The fire was a wooden house structure, and smoke was boiling from the side of the residence. Firemen from Malvern, Fayette, Rehobeth and Slocomb were on the scene battling to bring the fire under control. Geneva County Sheriff Deputies were on the scene, as well as, electrical units who responded to the call of live power lines down across the yard.



REHOBETH RESPONDS TO ACCIDENT

Rehobeth VFD was paged out to a motor vehicle accident, with injuries and entrapment. The initial report was that the injured passenger was breathing and unresponsive. The patient was extricated and transported to SE Alabama Medical Center. The accident involved one vehicle.

District 7 - Monroe County

Monroe County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments President and Frisco City Firefighter Sue Starr was elected Mayor of Frisco City. Ms. Starr is seated in the middle at the November 3rd council meeting.



Photo by: Bo Bolton, Publisher/The Monroe Journal.

DELCOM INDUSTRIES

Radio - Sales & Service
Phone: 334-872-2024

Email: delcomindustries@yahoo.com

THE RADIO MAN HAS:

- Vertex/Standard Radios
- Icom America Radios
- Tekk Inc Radios
- SCA Sceptar Pager

The Radio man has the best prices in the South

www.delcomindustries.com



P(Left to Right) District 5 Alt Director Robert Slaughter, District 8 Director Charlie Dixon, Alberta Dixon, President Chauncey Wood, Secretary Mary Sells, and District 8 Alt Director Ray Hogans.

The first quarterly AAVFD Board of Directors meeting was held February 21st at the Bass Pro Shop in Prattville AL. The next quarterly meeting will be at the same location on May 30th.

DEEP SOUTH TRUCK INC.

Scott Walters
Regional Sales Manager
800-727-4166

Fax 601-722-4168

Factory & Home Office
2342 Highway 49 North
Seminary, Ms 39479



**2007 F-550 Diesel 11' Rescue Body,
300 Gal Water, CAFS, Generator, Roll
Up Doors**



**2007 F-550 Diesel 11' Flat Bed Brush
Guard 375 CET Pump**



TANKERS - TANKER PUMPERS - PUMPERS - RESCUES
BRUSH TRUCKS - OVER 80 CHASSIS IN STOCK



www.deepsouthfiretrucks.com

HODGESVILLE CHIEF GIVENS RETIRES

The Hodgesville Volunteer Firefighters honored retiring Chief Kenny Givens. Kenny is the only chief most of them have ever known for their department. AAVFD President Chauncey Wood, RCFPI President Roy Mott and First Vice President William Neal presented Kenny with a plaque recognizing his years of statewide service on the Board of Directors of each organization.

Hodgesville VFD established an annual Firefighter of the



L-R AAVFD President Chauncey Wood, Kenny Givens, AAVFD First VP William Neal, RCFPI President Roy Mott

Year Award and felt that there was no one more deserving of the honor of receiving the first Firefighter of the Year than Kenny. His helmet was also retired and presented to him. He will be missed in his local department and the statewide volunteer organizations where he served so faithfully, but he promised to return with his wife, Becky, for visits from time to time.



Hodgesville Chief Todd McNeill presents Firefighter of the Year to Kenny Givens

AAVFD LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From President Chauncey Wood

The annual legislative session began on the first Tuesday in February, and since that day, almost every day my life as your President has been packed with important legislative activities pertaining to AAVFD legislation.

As of February 5th, the following bills began this session's process. We ask each fire chief and firefighter to contact your legislator urging their support of these bills.

HB558: Representative Randy Wood

SB54: Senator Roger Bedford

TAG BILL - Will provide for one free firefighter tag for one passenger vehicle registered in the name of the volunteer firefighter.

- The House Bill has passed committee, awaiting action on the House Floor.
- The Senate Bill has passed committee, awaiting action of the Senate Floor.

HB744: Representative Marc Keahey

SB379: Senator Ted Little

FREE TUITION - Will provide free college tuition for dependents and spouse of a volunteer firefighter who is killed or becomes totally disabled in the line of duty.

- The House Bill is awaiting action. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st in Education Appropriations Committee.
- The Senate Bill has passed committee, awaiting action on the Senate Floor.

AAVFD did not introduce and does not support HB221 Annuity and Benefits bill. Since it would adversely affect the volunteer fire service, I have requested that it be indefinitely postponed.

I am also monitoring several bills that could impact the volunteer fire service.

From the State Fire Marshal's office:

- **HB289/SB139** - This bill would provide that the State Fire Marshal would regulate and license persons who install fire detection, fire alarm, or fire communication systems.
- **HB312/SB125** - This bill would provide that any alarm system is installed under the direct supervision of, inspection, and certification by a person or business entity licensed to install an alarm system and the licensee assumes full responsibility for the installation and service of the alarm system.
- **HB528** - This bill would repeal current law and create a new law that would prohibit explosives and explosive devices, bacteriological and biological weapons, and would provide for fines and penalties for falsely reporting an incident, the unlawful manufacturing, transporting, distributing, possessing with intent to distribute, etc, and would provide for forfeiture and seizure of all material used in violation of this act.
- **HB610/SB311** - This bill would create test methods and performance standards for cigarettes sold in the state, require manufacturer to pay certification fees, submit written certification to the State Fire Marshal, **establish penalties for noncompliance, allow the State Fire Marshal to enforce and establish a special fund for collected penalties to be used to support fire safety programs.**
- **HB633** - This bill would create a statewide council managed by ADECA to establish, adopt, amend and update a statewide building code.

From the Alabama Fire College:

- **HB628/SB436** - This bill would clarify the relationship between AFC and the two-year college system and place control of the Fire College under the Firefighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

BUDGET FRIENDLY

NEW SKID PUMP UNITS

Mertz Fire Apparatus has built skid units up to 1,500 gallons, with pumps from all Fire Pump Manufacturers, which includes Hale, Waterous, and W.S. Darley. Mertz Fire Apparatus also provides pumps by Hypro and Udor. Vanguard electric start engines are featured on all pumps and Honda engines are available. The Mertz 16V1550 Series pump system will pump up to 170 gpm at 170 psi and will pump in excess of 50 gpm @150 psi.

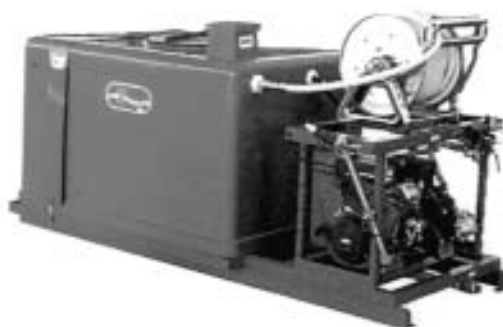
Standard Unit Pricing

FD 18V 300 L

This is the 18 hp version of the famous "FireCracker." With pressures of over 500 psi this is the top of the line "Wildland" firefighter. Standard tanks up to 300 gallon, but larger optional tanks are available. Engines from various engine manufacturers are also available. Optional foam systems can be installed.

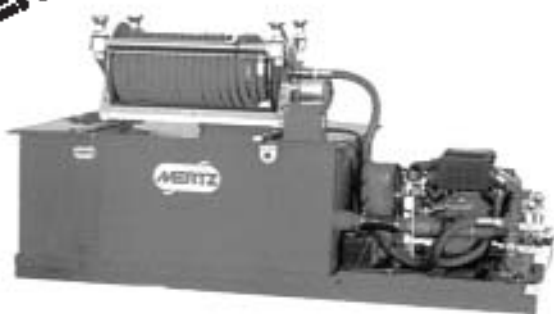
Maximum Pressure: 560 PSI
Maximum Volume: 26.0 GPM
Maximum Speed: 550 RPM
Number of Cylinders: 4

FD-18V-300 L



Low Cost

MERTZ, INC.



FC 16V1550 200 LFT

The standard series of the Mertz 16V1550 standard pump systems are available with 150 to 400 gallon booster tanks. Standard features include hose, hose reel, outriggers, primer, fuel tank, plumbing and battery. The tanks are 20 years limited warranty fiberglass tanks.

Stats	150G	200G	250G	300G	400G
Height	39.5"	44.5"	51.5"	56.5"	52.25"
Length	91"	91"	91"	91"	98.5"
Width	43"	43"	43"	43"	64"
Wt. Dry	800#	850#	875#	900#	925#
Wt. Wet	2075#	2550#	3000#	3985#	4325#

FIREHOUSE SALES & SERVICE, INC.

POLICE SUPPLIES AND FIRE EQUIPMENT
608-A South Broad Street • Mobile, Alabama 36603
Office: (251) 432-1625 • 1-800-243-FIRE

NEWS FROM LIMESTONE COUNTY

The Limestone County Honor Guard dedicates the Fallen Firefighter Memorial to those who lost their lives in the line of duty. The following are those who lost their lives doing what they loved, J.B. Rose - Clements VFD, Ricky Moore- Oak Grove Thach VFD, and Clint Romine- Good Springs VFD. We will never forget. Pictured here with the monument are (lt) Chuck Snider and (rt) Tim Toone, with the Limestone Honor Guard.



The Limestone County Association of VFD awarded (bottom row lt to rt) the Male Firefighter of the Year to Daniel Vinson of the West Limestone VFD, the Sarah Hurd Memorial award was presented to Dennise Riggs of the West Limestone VFD, the Female Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Pam Vinson of the West Limestone VFD, (top row lt to rt) the Barnard Clark Lifetime Service award went to Glen Tarpley of the West Limestone VFD (Accepting the award in Mr. Tarpley's place was Frankie Riggs.), and the Training Officer of the Year was awarded to Chuck Snider of the Owens VFD.



Pictured with AAVFD President Chauncey Wood are Limestone County Association of Vol. Fire Departments Officers, (lt to rt) Jesse Rager- Vice-President, Derrick Gatlin- President, Paige Crouch- Secretary/ Treasurer, and

Doug Ezell with the Alabama Forestry Commission. This picture was taken Feb. 7, 2009 at the Limestone County Association Banquet.



Owens VFD of Limestone County celebrated their 30th year with a banquet honoring the members who have served this department since the founding in 1979. Pictured are as follows: Elna Toone, Royce Evans, Gloria Evans, Esther Jernigan, Edd Jernigan, and Marie Swanner.



The Limestone County Association of VFD held their annual banquet on Feb. 7, 2009 in Athens. Pictured are those who were awarded for their outstanding services. Bottom row from left to right are the Barnard Clark Lifetime Service Award winners Elna Toone (Accepting the award in her place was Tim Toone.), Edd Jernigan, Esther Jernigan, and Royce Evans. Also Training Officer of the Year was awarded to Chuck Snider. All of those pictured are with the Owens VFD.



Pictured are the members of the Clements VFD who accepted the award for Fire Department of the Year at the annual Limestone County Association banquet on Feb. 7, 2009.

2009 AAVFD Membership – Total 837

DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN		5 of 12
CHEROKEE	100%	13 of 13
DEKALB	100%	25 of 25
ETOWAH	100%	23 of 23
JACKSON	100%	21 of 21
MADISON	100%	17 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON		
SHELBY		8 of 19
ST CLAIR		
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE		5 of 13
GREENE	100%	12 of 12
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR		
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	20 of 20

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	13 of 13
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
TALLADEGA		5 of 15
TALLAPOOSA		

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON		
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
MARENGO	100%	12 of 12
PERRY		
WILCOX	100%	10 of 10

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR	100%	11 of 11
COFFEE	100%	9 of 9
DALE	100%	13 of 13
GENEVA		
HENRY	100%	6 of 6
HOUSTON	100%	17 of 17
PIKE	100%	9 of 9

DISTRICT 7 MEMBERSHIP

BUTLER	100%	16 of 16
CONECUH	100%	21 of 21
COVINGTON	100%	20 of 20
CRENSHAW	100%	12 of 12
ESCAMBIA	100%	22 of 22
MONROE	100%	15 of 15

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN		20 of 32
CHOCTAW	100%	14 of 14
CLARKE	100%	14 of 14
MOBILE	100%	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	100%	19 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

COLBERT	100%	14 of 14
FRANKLIN	100%	13 of 13
LAUDERDALE	100%	14 of 14
LAWRENCE	100%	11 of 11
LIMESTONE	100%	13 of 13
MARION	100%	12 of 12
MORGAN	100%	22 of 22

DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

BULLOCK	100%	7 of 7
ELMORE	100%	20 of 20
LEE	100%	7 of 7
LOWNDES		2 of 8
MACON		
MONTGOMERY	100%	8 of 8
RUSSELL	100%	11 of 11

2-WAY RADIO/PAGER HEADQUARTERS

WE SERVICE WHAT WE SELL

**MOTOROLA
ICOM
MINITOR V**

**KENWOOD
VERTEX
MAXON**

FULL LINE OF ACCESSORIES INCLUDING NEXTEL

**THE BEST PRICES
WE'LL SHIP TONIGHT**



800-53-RADIO
2111-2 MANCHESTER EXPY
COLUMBUS, GA 31904



MILITARY TRUCK PARTS



If your department is still using them, you need to keep them in good condition with as little strain on your budget as possible. We offer new (and a few used) parts, courteous service, expert advice and prices that are a LOT cheaper than the "Big Boys" that you may have bought from in the past. Tell us you saw the in the AAVFD newsletter, and we'll give you the VFD 10% discount, too.

TED'S TRUCKS 'N STUFF

Dothan, AL

334-983-1092, Fax: 334-983-1091, tedhils@veriqids.com

Advanced Rescue Solutions

Northport, AL 35475

Toll Free 1-888-231-8874 * Fax 205-339-2848



LENTY Generator Light Kits

Perfect for night fire & rescue situations!

LENTY is a portable, fuel-efficient, all-terrain power and light system, exclusively with Honda EU1000i and EU2000i generators. It is the only generator and light system with three adjustable, extendible tripod legs and all-terrain versatility for emergency power and light anywhere!

FREE FREIGHT with Prepaid orders!

GENESIS RESCUE SYSTEMS



First Responder Set
112,000 lbs Combination Tool
Honda Power Unit.



Eagle Force Set
90,000 lbs cutter, 25,000 lbs spreader
Mach III Honda Simo Power Unit.

FREE TRAINING & DELIVERY!

Call for Details 1-888-231-8874!

NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Fire Police Officer Wayne D. Brown (63) Volunteer
Department: Bristol F/R Department, Bristol RI
Date of Death: 11/3/08
Cause of Death: Became ill preparing to respond to call from his home and was found unresponsive near his door with his gear on by arriving EMTs. Cause of death still to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Leonard Riggins (52) Career
Department: St Louis FD, St Louis MO
Date of Death: 11/5/08
Cause of Death: Reportedly witnessed a vehicle crash while on way home in department vehicle while still in uniform. Per written department "Duty to act" policy, Riggins pulled to side of road, activated his emergency lights and exited his vehicle to assist. As he approached the other vehicle, the occupant shot him in the chest. The occupant had apparently carjacked the crashed vehicle and after shooting Firefighter Riggins, stole his department vehicle. The suspect eventually crashed Riggins' vehicle and was attempting to carjack a third vehicle when police approached and, in an exchange of gunfire, killed him. Firefighter Riggins was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Roy Smith, Jr. (17) Volunteer
Department: McGaheysville VFD, McGaheysville VA
Date of Death: 11/7/08
Cause of Death: Died while responding to a structure fire when he was ejected from his vehicle when it left the road and flipped multiple times, ejecting him.

Name/Rank: EMT/Firefighter Trainee Cecilia Turnbough (42) Volunteer
Department: Dale City VFD, Dale City VA
Date of Death: 11/9/08
Cause of Death: Passed away during routine training exercise as part of entry level Firefighter certification class. The training involved maneuvering through a maze with no smoke or fire where she was found unresponsive, and despite all resuscitative efforts did not survive.

Name/Rank: Probationary Firefighter Jamel M. Sears (33) Career
Department: FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 11/11/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed and was unresponsive after completing 18-minute training evolution at department's training academy. Firefighters at scene attempted to revive him, transported him to Mt Sinai Medical Center where he passed away. Sears was part of a 23-week probationary firefighter training program.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Carol Irene Taylor (41) Career
Department: Goldsboro FD, Goldsboro NC
Date of Death: 11/14/08
Cause of Death: After responding to an electrical short fire call, Taylor finished her tour of duty and returned home. She was found the next morning deceased from apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Walter P. Harris (38) Career
Department: Detroit FD, Detroit MI
Date of Death: 11/15/08
Cause of Death: The roof collapsed at an abandoned house fire trapping Firefighter Harris and several other firefighters putting out hot spots in attic. He was crushed by the debris. The other firefighters managed to escape with minor injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael David Snowman (49) Volunteer
Department: Hartland VFD, Hartland ME
Date of Death: 11/17/08
Cause of Death: Passed away of apparent heart attack while operating at site of mutual aid structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic Steve D. Kline (37) Part-Time (Paid)
Department: Stone Park FD, Stone Park IL
Date of Death: 11/18/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed at station during his shift and passed away at local hospital a short time later. Autopsy is being performed to determine exact cause of death.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Robert J. Ryan, Jr. (46) Career
Department: FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 11/23/08
Cause of Death: Ryan was working in attic of two-story private residence fire when portion of ceiling collapsed on him. He was transported to hospital where he passed away.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Rick H. Borkin (42) Volunteer
Department: Thiensville FD, Thiensville WI
Date of Death: 12/8/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed and died from a cause still to be determined while participating in mandatory fire department training at local community college.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jerry Parrick (59) Volunteer
Department: West End Volunteer F/R, De Borgia MT
Date of Death: 12/17/08
Cause of Death: Parked on roadway at scene of motor vehicle accident warning motorists with his truck's emergency lighting, his POV was struck by a FedEx semi-tractor trailer. He was partially ejected from his truck and passed away at the scene from his injuries. Weather and road conditions were reported to have been possible contributing factors to the initial and subsequent accident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michelle L. Smith (29) Volunteer
Department: Delaware City Fire Company No. 1, Inc, Delaware City DE
Date of Death: 12/22/08
Cause of Death: A vehicle struck a County Police vehicle conducting traffic-control, striking Firefighter Smith, then fled the scene. Smith succumbed to her injuries after two days in intensive care. The driver of the vehicle taking her life was reported to have been apprehended and is expected to be charged with manslaughter, driving with revoked license, and leaving scene of accident.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Steve Hagan, Sr. (48) Volunteer
Department: Blenheim FD, Blenheim SC
Date of Death: 12/23/08
Cause of Death: Became sick at scene of motor vehicle accident and was transported to hospital where he went into cardiac arrest and was unable to be revived.

Name/Rank: Driver Dennis G. McClenahan (54) Volunteer
Department: Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Co. # 1, Princeton Junction NJ
Date of Death: 12/27/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed shortly after returning home following a fire alarm and succumbed to an apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Fire Police Captain Norm Koch (79) Volunteer
Department: East Pembroke FD, East Pembroke NY
Date of Death: 12/30/08
Cause of Death: Suffered an apparent heart attack while assisting at scene of motor vehicle accident and was transported to hospital, but all efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Richard Lee Montgomery (54) Volunteer
Department: Hobo - Big V VFD, Booneville MS
Date of Death: 12/31/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed at scene of working residential structure fire while wetting up a fan on front porch for ventilation and was transported to hospital, but all efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jarrett Little (24) Paid-on-Call
Department: Walker County Fire & Rescue, Rock Spring GA
Date of Death: 12/31/08
Cause of Death: Responding to a chimney fire, the fire apparatus hit a pole while making a turn and flipped, entrapping Little and two others. He was rushed to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Gary Stephens (57) Career
Department: Elizabeth FD, Elizabeth NJ
Date of Death: 1/2/09
Cause of Death: While at scene of house fire, Stephens was accidentally run over by a fire truck as it backed up to lay hose to a hydrant. He was rushed to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Mechanic John C. Myers (61) Volunteer
Department: Union Chapel VFD, Pittsburg OK
Date of Death: 1/3/09
Cause of Death: John C. Myers passed away from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident while working at scene of a grass fire. Myers was operating a fire department vehicle, when his son, Justin, also working the fire and operating a POV, crossed the center of the narrow gravel road in heavy smoke obstructed conditions and collided head on with the fire department vehicle his father was driving. Personnel worked more than one hour and a half to free John C. Meyers from the wreckage. Justin was treated at the scene and his passenger, Clayton Rice, was taken to the hospital with head, leg and arm injuries.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Kevin M. Kelley (52) Career
Department: Boston FD, Boston MA
Date of Death: 1/9/09
Cause of Death: Several firefighters on board Boston FD Ladder 26 were seriously injured when for a cause still to be determined the truck was unable to stop while coming down Parker Hill Avenue, shortly after clearing a medical assistance call. Lt Kelley passed away at the scene from his injuries. At the bottom of the steep hill, the apparatus hit two parked vehicles, crashed through a brick wall, and then smashed into a building; coming to a final resting position inside the entrance way of a multi-store residential structure. There were no pedestrians or residents of the building reported to have been injured in the incident, which continues to be under investigation.

Name/Rank: Captain Richard Lynn Rhea (60) Volunteer
Department: Crawfordville VFD, Crawfordville FL
Date of Death: 1/24/09
Cause of Death: At scene of motor vehicle accident, Rhea reportedly slipped on wet grass located on the roadway shoulder and fell causing him to come into contact with a live downed power line. He passed away from his injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Kyle Perkins (45) Career
Department: Firefighter Cory James Galloway (23) Career
Date of Death: Kilgore FD, Kilgore TX
Cause of Death: 1/25/09
 While participating in a training exercise at Kilgore College Fire Academy, Perkins and Galloway were in the bucket of a 95' rear mount platform truck when, for a cause still under investigation, they fell approximately 8 stories. Firefighters Perkins and Galloway succumbed to injuries they received from the accident.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

10 (Used) Scott 30-min. steel SCBA Bottles @ \$100 each

4 Hand-held Vertex Standard UHF 16-channel Radios with desktop charger (Used very little) @ \$200 each

1 Stationary Booster Reel - 1" Rubber Hose 300 ft @ \$400

3 Pickhead Axes (Used) Wood Handles \$20 each

1 24-ft Aluminum Ladder (Never Used) \$200

Used miscellaneous nozzles from 1" to 1 1/2" @ \$40 or make best offer

If interested, please call Chief Eric Sullivan @ 251-944-7708.

THE BELL TOLLED

Hudson Covington, Rogersville VFD, Lauderdale County, passed away December 3, 2008. He was the only remaining original Rogersville fire fighter. Rogersville VFD was organized in 1950 and is the oldest volunteer fire department in Lauderdale County. Mr. Covington served as Assistant Chief.

Charles David "Woody" Woods, Morris VFD, Jefferson County, passed away January 5, 2009. He responded to a wreck, and while on the scene, had a massive heart attack.

Jeffrey Isbell, Associate Member Enterprise FD, Coffee County, passed away February 10, 2009 in his hotel room while attending fire department assigned training at the Alabama Fire College. The cause of death is pending further investigation.

Chief Charles F. Culp, Union Grove VFD, Chilton County, passed away February 14, 2009. He was a founding member of the department and performed the daily radio check until E911 took over.

Billy Joe Hayes, Hollywood VFD, Jackson County, passed away February 19, 2009.

CONDOLENCES

We send our condolences to the family of Senator W. H. "Pat" Lindsey, 22nd District (Escambia, Washington Clarke, Choctaw, Conecuh, Mobile, Monroe, and parts of Baldwin Counties), who passed away January 11, 2009. Senator Lindsey was a loyal supporter of the volunteer fire service and was dedicated to working for improvements to make the lives of all fire fighters better.

Condolences are extended to AAVFD District 5 Director Mike Carlisle, whose wife Gina, passed away January 25, 2009.

We send our condolences to Geneva County Deputy Josh Myers whose wife, Andrea, and daughter, Corrine, who were victims in the killing spree in Samson, AL on March 10, 2009. Josh and Andrea served as volunteer firefighters in the state of Kansas before moving to Alabama.

Condolences are extended to Murray Wise, Samson Firefighter/EMT-Intermediate whose wife, Tracy Michelle "Tator" Wise and son, Dean James Wise, were also victims in the March 10, 2009 Samson killing spree.

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: Chauncey Wood – (334) 397-4032, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, Lawrence Huffman – (256) 446-9813, 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.



About *The Volunteer*: *The Volunteer* is issued 4 times a year: in Jan, April, Jul, and Oct. Articles, information, and advertisements for the newsletter must be in Montgomery not later than the 15th of the month before publication.

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

Other AAVFD Information: ALL Membership information, Insurance information, changes of address, and inquiries having to do with the AAVFD should be sent directly to the Montgomery office.

AAVFD Officers:

President Chauncey Wood
1st VP William Neal
2nd VP Lawrence Huffman
3rd VP Steve Dennis
Secretary Mary Jane Sells
Treasurer Gary Cobb

Newsletter Editor:

Sandra Mott
Chauncey Wood
Tina Wood, Photographer
Rick Miller, Photographer
Executive Assistant:
Sandra Mott

Mailing Address:

AAVFD, Suite 345
660 Adams Ave
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone number: (334) 262-2833, 1-888-97-AAVFD
Fax number: (334) 262-2834
E-mail: aavfd@mindspring.com
on the Web at www.aavfd.org

Office hours are Monday - Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.



**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**
660 ADAMS AVENUE, SUITE 345
MONTGOMERY, AL 36104

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Montgomery, AL
36119-9651
Permit No. 284



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"To always listen and know our customers' needs in order to provide them with the best products and service in the industry."

Fire Truck Sales | Fire Truck Service | Fire Truck Parts | Fire Equipment | Breathing Air | Financial Services

We have a brand new website!
• • • **www.sunbeltfire.com**

**Updated news, information and other important resources.*



ENTER ONLINE
for a chance to win an
authentic leather
Cairns MSA fire helmet !



For additional help, please contact:



Carolyn Schoen
cschoen@sunbeltfire.com
800-642-8484 ext.113
Fax: 251-928-9933



**WHEN LIVES ARE IN THE BALANCE
AND SECONDS COUNT**