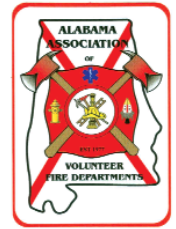




# THE VOLUNTEER



## The Official Newsletter of the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

July – Sept. 2009

### 2009 AAVFD CONFERENCE IN THE SHOALS

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments celebrated its 32nd year at the beautiful Shoals Marriott Hotel and Spa in Florence AL. The annual event was hosted by the Lauderdale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.

Officers for the 2009-2010 year were elected. President Chauncey Wood, First Vice President William Neal, Second Vice President Lawrence Huffman, Third Vice President Steve Dennis, Secretary Mary Sells and Treasurer Otis "Butch" LeCompte.

Over 50 fire service vendors were on hand to display the latest innovations in equipment and protective firefighter gear. Over 40 fire pumpers and brush trucks were on display from Tennessee and Alabama, along with apparatus from the 14 Lauderdale County volunteer fire departments. Training sessions were also provided by the local and state EMA offices.

Events included the Firefighter Competition won by Fulton Volunteer Fire Department from Clarke County. Second place was captured by Johnson's Crossing VFD in Cullman County and Third place went to Thomasville VFD in Clarke County. Clements Volunteer Fire Department came out on top in the "Tug of War", with the men's and women's team winning both events. There were also events for children, including the Kid's Fire Safety Challenge course and Fire Safety House.

At the annual Awards Banquet, a special "Honoring our Heroes" ceremony was conducted by Mr. Ron Creel, Chief Executive Officer of the Alabama Sports Festival, in tribute to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel who save lives and property in Alabama everyday. Each first responder with 10 years or more service was presented a Medal of Service and the families of those disabled or who died in the line of duty were presented the Medal of Sacrifice. Mr. Creel presented the Medal of Sacrifice to Ruby Gilbreath, widow of Double Springs Chief Michael Martin "Mike" Gilbreath, who died in the line of duty, as daughter, Amanda and son, Eric, stood with her.

Mr. James Daniel Day, Frisco City VFD in Monroe County, was honored as Fire Fighter of the Year. Chief Mary Hallman of Blue Springs VFD in Franklin County received the Sherry Garner Memorial Award, named in honor of the first female to die in the line of duty in Alabama. The President's Award was presented to Mr. Austin Roton of Alabama Printers in Montgomery in recognition of his personal and professional dedication to the AAVFD publication "The Volunteer".

The Muscle Shoals Music "Songwriters in the Round" featuring Mark Narmore, Phillip White and Noel Webster provided entertainment. Southern Accent rocked the pavilion at the Friday night cookout, with Nashville star Zak Hacker in concert following the Awards Banquet.

### HJR11 ASSISTS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

In special session, HJR11 was approved by the Alabama Legislature and signed by Governor Bob Riley on August 14th. Sponsored by Representative Richard Laird, HJR11 declared that it was in the public interest and highly advantageous to insurance companies that volunteer firefighters of this state be permitted to finance a program establishing retirement benefits for retired volunteer firefighters.

A bill to establish an Annuity and Benefits program for volunteer firefighters will be presented by the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, Inc. in the 2010 legislative session.



*Center, holding HJR11, is Representative Laird accompanied by AAVFD Public Relations Director Charlie Dixon and AAVFD President Chauncey Wood.*



# FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

*Shay Wood*



## ***“Volunteers have the bigger heart!”***

Firefighters (volunteer and career) face new challenges every day, but the biggest is getting people “interested” and “committed” to volunteering.

Most of you came into the volunteer services in one of the two schools of thought. You were either seeking to help your fellow man (warm and fuzzy) or craving the exhilaration of running into a burning building...and then, helping your fellow man.

When you came into the department you were a “house on fire”; only where are you now? Do you still get that “rush”, and if so, is it enough?

Volunteerism for all types of service is decreasing. We need to excite people about serving their fellow man and their communities. With funding sources drying up, everyone needs to commit to going back to the basics of taking care of our communities ourselves.

Seriously, I feel like the fire service has a huge target on its back. It seems to be open season on the volunteers, with the Heritage Foundation asking Congress to stop funding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the SAFER Grant programs, because it contends, the funding has not led to fewer firefighter deaths or injuries nor civilian deaths or injuries.

How wrong they are! Tell this to the firefighter who is wearing new turnout gear and a SCBA because his or her department received the funding. How about the firefighter who is now riding in an enclosed cab because a grant let the department get rid of old apparatus and get a new one! Aren't these firefighters safer? I would think so!

How about the civilian who was saved from a fire because a grant put more apparatus and firefighters on the scene for a first alarm? Is this civilian safer? I

would think so!

Are you angry yet? I'm fuming! I just finished reading a 174-page document entitled “Assessing State Firefighter Cancer Presumption Laws and Current Firefighter Cancer Research”, a study released by the National League of Cities, claiming there is inadequate scientific research to determine a link between fire-fighting and cancer.

The League went out and paid TriData, a consulting firm, to write the documents. I know firefighters, and probably many of you do also, who have come down with strange cancers with no family history. There is a link between chemicals on the fire ground and cancer, other than risk factors, such as smoking and tobacco use. Remember 9/11! Yet, we forget.

OK, I got that off my chest! With that, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the GREAT conference in Florence. Morris Lentz and his conference committee did an OUTSTANDING job, so a great big THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard to make the conference such a success! The vendors who were in attendance, competition teams (Whew! Time for some Apple Pie!), the banquet, Shoals musicians, honoring Alabama's Heroes (firefighters and EMS), CEO Ron Creel's Medals of Service and Sacrifice ceremony, and entertainment after the banquet were superb!

In closing, I want to say a personal THANK YOU for electing me as your president of AAVFD for another year. It has been a great year, legislative and membership wise, for “our” association. The Legislative Special Session was a success. The Legislature stepped up to the plate and passed HJR11 to benefit our 903 department members. AAVFD membership, of course, reflects the hard work by many of you. I promise to work as hard as the past year, and I believe that together we can accomplish as much in the new year.

Let's look out for each other. Be safe and may God Bless “Our” Association!

PS: We are in the process of creating a “Wall of Patches” in the AAVFD office. If you would like to have your department patch displayed, please send a patch to AAVFD, 660 Adams Av, Suite 345, Montgomery AL 36104-4373.

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## **CRASH VICTIM EXTRICATION CLASS HELD AT BETHEL EAST VFD**

Bethel East Volunteer Fire Department recently hosted a Crash Victim Extrication class at its station. The department was awarded a grant through the Department of Homeland Security to purchase extrication equipment.

The 12-hour class was conducted by Holmatro representative Mark Mosely. Members from Bethel Ease, Woodland, Auslin's Chapel, Wedowee, East Randolph, Corinth and Morrison's Crossroads attended.

The members at Bethel East would like to thank all those who attended the class, as well as Andy Bailey, who donated the cars used during the training.



*Left to right: Seated - Roy Dalrymple, Tim Harrington, Allen McManus, Class Instructor Mark Mosely, Robert Cunningham, and Tara Stone. Standing - Eddie Henley, Lon Wynn, Billy Edds, Victor Gurley, Sr., Randy Spruill, Jamie Reynolds, Tracy Eason, Curtis Deason, Davie Spradlin, Nick Bailey, Terry Allen, and Back Row - Victor Gurley, Jr. Members Not Pictured - Deana Hadley, Nathaniel Morrow, Danny McCord and Richard Roberson.*

## **SENATOR HARRI ANNE SMITH PRESENTS CHECK TO FAYETTE VFD**

(FAYETTE, ALABAMA)-State Senator Harri Anne Smith (R-Slocomb) presented a state grant check Saturday to the Fayette Volunteer Fire Department to keep the unit in operation for the next eighteen months. Senator Smith surprised the crowd when she gave a check for just under \$16,000 to Volunteer Chief Robert Herring in front of a crowd that gathered to raise funds for the FVFD at an afternoon cook-out at the New Hinson Baptist Church.

Fayette's fire unit has depended on tobacco tax revenues to fund its operations, but that money has run out. Senator Smith attended the local fundraiser but kept her grant check a secret to surprise the attendees.

"Having grown up in Slocomb, I know what a volunteer fire department means to a small community. I am pleased to present this check to keep Fayette's fire service up and run-

ning for the next few months and hope you are successful here today in your own efforts," Senator said. Volunteer Fire Chief Robert Herring expressed gratitude to Senator Smith. "This means so much to our community, and we are indeed grateful that Senator Smith so willingly responded to this crisis," Chief Herring said. Senator Harri Anne Smith represents parts of Houston and Dale Counties and all of Geneva County in the state Senate. She is married to Charlie Smith, and they live in Slocomb.





## AXE CEREMONY AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE



*Senator Ted Little*



*Senator Marc Keahey*



***Senator Tom Butler***



*Senator Roger Bedford*



*AAVFD President Chauncey Wood, House Fire Caucus Chairman Rep Richard Laird  
and Speaker of the House - Rep. Seth Hammett*

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During the 2009 Regular Session, the Legislature appropriated \$6.5 million to House members for community services grants from the State General Fund for Fiscal Year 2010. In the past, the grants have traditionally gone to education programs, but the Legislature expanded them to include non-education purposes. As a result, Volunteer Fire Departments will be eligible for the first time.

If your department would like to apply for a community services grant from the General Fund, please contact your local state representative. Permissible uses of these grants are included.



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# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



President Wood presents the President's Award to Austin Roton of Alabama Printers recognizing him for his dedication to the AAVFD publication "The Volunteer"



New Life Member  
Charlie Dixon



Retiring treasurer Gary Cobb was honored for his years of service.



New Life Member  
Sandy Boyd





# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (CONT'D)





# OVERALL CONFERENCE COMPETITION WINNERS



**2ND PLACE: JOHNSON'S CROSSING VFD  
CULLMAN COUNTY**



**TUG OF WAR : CLEMENTS VFD  
LIMESTONE COUNTY**

## **FIRST PLACE FULTON VFD CLARKE COUNTY**

### **AIR PACK**

1st Fulton VFD 1.22:84  
2nd Johnson Crossing VFD 1.25:16  
3rd Thomasville VFD 1.25:09  
4th Clements VFD 1.54:88

### **OBSTACLE COURSE**

1st Fulton VFD 1.04:50  
2nd Johnson Crossing VFD 1.09:00  
3rd Thomasville VFD 1.22:04  
4th Clements VFD 1.28:50

### **HOSE LAY I**

1st Fulton VFD 34.18  
2nd Thomasville VFD 37.31  
3rd Johnson Crossing 46.87  
4th Clements VFD 1.01:69

### **OVER ALL**

1st Fulton VFD  
2nd Johnson Crossing  
3rd Thomasville VFD



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## UNION VFD RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

**CHIEF TRACEY JOHNSON**

Union Volunteer Fire & Rescue is located in District 4, Tallapoosa County, and would like to recognize a few of our volunteers for outstanding work. Our department responds as BLS, non-transport unit on all medical related calls in our district. With a staff of 29 volunteers, we average 150-200 calls a year and 75% - 80% of those are medical related. Over the past few years we have been fortunate to obtain a handful of new members. However, just as we obtained them, we lost others, mainly due to retirement.

Selena Bunn, Dave Heinzen, Richard Lynskey, and Shannon Stringer recently completed their State Certified First Responder course held at Reeltown VFD. This Certification gives us much need support on responding to

medical calls within our JD. Balancing their home lives, jobs, social lives, and family along with responding to calls, meetings, and tasks around the fire station they successfully completed this course.

Selena, Richard, and Shannon have decided to further their education by attending the Volunteer FF I course also. They have completed Block 1 of Volunteer FF I, and we are looking forward to a successful pass rate by Spring 2010. Currently our department has 4 State Certified FF's, 1 of which is career. We hope to see others step forward for future certification with the dedication that these volunteers have shown.



*Richard Lynskey*



*Dave Heinzen*



*Selena Bunn*



*Shannon Stringer*

### OPEN LETTER OF THANKS FROM FIRST VICE PRESIDENT WILLAM NEAL

Dear Fellow Fire Fighters,

I would like to thank you for electing me to serve a 5th term as your southern area vice president. I especially would like to thank all who voted to support the dues increase. The last increase was in 2001. The AAVFD leadership has worked vigorously with other fire service organizations to pass much-needed legislation.

I would also like to thank outgoing treasurer Gary Cobb. Gary has worked tirelessly to keep our finances running smoothly. I wish him well and welcome Gary's replacement, Butch LeCompte.

The accomplishments of the past couple of years show what we can do if we work together and speak as one voice. This is the voice of the fire service of the State of Alabama.

Thank you for your vote and confidence. Please call at any time if I can be of assistance.

### District 6 - Barbour County

## MOUNT ANDREW VFD OPEN HOUSE

Mount Andrew VFD has currently reorganized. Pictured far-right, kneeling, is Fire Chief Morgan Cross, alongside firefighters, board, and community auxiliary members. AAVFD President Chauncey Wood was able to secure funds from the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Brundidge for the Recruitment and Retention and Equipment Day at Mt Andrew VFD on Saturday, July 25th. Mr. John Wilson of NAFECO, Inc. donated used turnout gear to the department to help it rebuild. Also contributing to Mount Andrew's reorganization was Senator Myron Penn, \$1,500.00, and Representative Billy Beasley, \$500.00. Mount Andrew VFD Board Chairman is Attorney William Guice.





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# 2009 AAVFD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*The 2009 AAVFD Scholarship winners were announced at the 32nd annual Awards Banquet in Florence on August 1st. In partnership with VFIS of Alabama, two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded this year.*

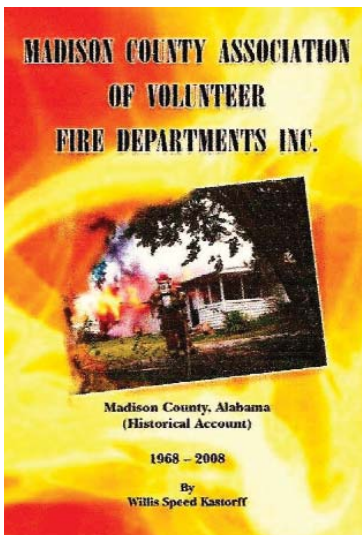


Jessica Klischer lives in Northport in Tuscaloosa County. Her father, Howard Klischer, has been a member of Samantha Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years. Jessica has participated in the fire department for many years. She will be attending Texas A&M University at Galveston with a planned major in Marine Biology.



Dwain Paul Strickland lives in St Stephens in Washington County. His father Dwain Strickland is Chief of St Stephens Volunteer Fire Department. Paul has been a member of the department for 3 years as a Junior Firefighter and Junior Captain. He is attending the University of Alabama with a planned major in Chemistry.

## About the Author



Willis Speed Kastorff, in 1963, moved his family to the rural Bobo community in Madison County, Alabama, where he actively participated in the planning, construction, and implementation of the emergency fire and medical response system now in place in rural Madison County. He became involved in this effort in 1973 when he cofounded the Bobo Volunteer Fire Department Inc. He is a former president of the Madison County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments Inc. and was appointed by the Madison County Commission as the first rural Madison

County Fire Marshal.

He is a native of Mobile, Alabama, a Korean War veteran (1950-1953) and a 1956 graduate of the Southern Technical Institute (Now known as the Southern Polytechnic State University) located in Marietta, Georgia. He is a retiree of the Boeing Company (1995) where he was employed as a principal engineer. He applied his engineering skills to NASA programs conducted at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, beginning in 1963 with the Saturn/Apollo Program and ending with the International Space Station Program.

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- How is the 3 mil fire tax divided between member volunteer fire departments ?
- How did the MCAVFD design and construct its Emergency Medical Response System?
- How did the MCAVFD, County Fire Marshal and County Commission purchase 15 new Class A pumpers ( \$150,000/ea ) and have them delivered at the same time?
- What are the duties of the County Fire Marshal?
- How did the MCAVFD and County Fire Marshal become significant players in the development of the countywide 9-1-1 communication system?
- These and other events are addressed in chronological order and are supported by historical documents found in the Appendix.
- We are proud of our accomplishments in Madison County and want to share this adventure with you. We hope that some of the lessons we learned will be helpful to you.

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750 Gallon Poly Tank



**1995 Pier ce Quantum Pumper**  
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**1990 E-One Cycl one Pumper**  
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**1988 Pier ce Custom Pumper**  
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**2002 Pier ce Commercial Pumper**  
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**1997 Int'l/E-One Pumper**  
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**1997 FL/E-One Pumper**  
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Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
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# From Here and There

*News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama*

On June 28th, Lovetown fire engine sirens blared and lights flashed as the Lovetown VFD, Houston County, held its first annual parade and fun day. Also included in the day's events were a cake auction, children's games, and Independence Day fireworks.

What have you done for your health this year? Have you joined a gym, eaten a well-rounded diet, talked to your physician about regular health screenings? Are you dealing well with the stress that comes with putting your life on the line to protect others? Whether you are just considering adopting better health habits or already maintain a healthy lifestyle, National Firefighter Health Week, August 17-21, is your opportunity to focus on your total health - heart, mind, and body - so that you can keep it strong all year long for those who depend on you: your family, your department, and your community.

DeKalb County Association of Fire Departments hosted the second annual Rural Water Supply Seminar on September 19-20 at Sylvania VFD. The course taught by Mark Davis

of GBW Associates focused on classroom instruction, the 2-hour ISO flow test and a tanker fill test.

First Responders plan for emergencies. September is National Preparedness Month, designated six years ago by the Department of Homeland Security, with the goal of encouraging Americans to prepare for emergencies of all kinds. (1) Make an emergency kit. Store at least a 3-day supply of food, water and other necessities. (2) Make an emergency plan. Create and practice drills for fires and other emergencies. Pick a meeting place and an emergency contact, in case of separation. (3) Stay informed. (4) Get involved. Participate in community preparedness.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, hosted a 16-hr IS 300 class taught by Gary Patrick and sponsored by the Alabama Fire College on August 15-16, 2009. 49 firefighters from 4 counties attended. On September 12-13, Frisco City VFD followed up this training by hosting the IS 400 class that was attended by 43 firefighters from 4 counties.

**District 8 Fire Association will hold its monthly meeting at Wind Creek Casino in Atmore on Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 A.M.**



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## RESULT OF BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

The AAVFD Board of Directors presented a proposed by-law change at the annual business meeting on August 1, 2009 that increased membership dues in AAVFD, effective in 2010. This proposal was approved.

- General membership dues will be \$50 per individual volunteer fire department.
- General membership dues will be \$45 per department when all departments within the county join as an association.
- Associate membership dues will be \$45 for persons or other organizations that join.



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## **District 3 - Tuscaloosa County**

### **PINEY WOODS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Piney Woods Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated on June 1, 2009. We are the newest volunteer fire department in Tuscaloosa Co. (2500). We felt a need for this to happen because many of our residents are outside of five road miles of any existing fire department and we need the service and coverage in one form or another. We want our residents to feel safe with the thought of having more protection, whether it is fire or medical, we are here for them. We are also here to assist the surrounding departments when they feel the need to call upon us. Several of the other volunteer departments in Tuscaloosa County have come to our aid with equipment, turnout gear, advice, information and whatever else we have ask them for. Chief Gaston Wilson and Nicol VFD saw fit to donate to us a 1971 Ford pumper, which in turn was first donated to them by Silverton Fire Department. Acts of kindness of this sort are what makes fire fighters a different breed of people. We want to thank everyone who so graciously helped us.

We currently have 15 members on our active roster. There is one full time E.M.T., who also serves as our chief. There are also two first responders and the rest are eager and willing to learn. We still have a long way to go, but with the community support, assistance from AAVFD, Tuscaloosa Co. Fire Protection Association and the brotherhood of firefighters, we can not possibly go wrong. Again, we just wanted to say thank-you to all of the ones who have helped us through the long certification process and everyone who has kept us in their prayers. Alabama has a great deal of people who believe in one cause, sticking together, and that is the only way to go.

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#### **PINEY WOODS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In the enclosed photograph top-left to right are Trish Jackson, Debbie Frazier, Amanda Tucker and Deputy Chief Patsy Hollingsworth.

Bottom left to right are: Keith Cunningham, Brian Stephens, Gene Campbell, Chief Jimmy Frazier, Chris Meistry, and Robert Tucker, Jr.

Not Pictured Are: Carolyn Spain, Steven Fulmer, Randy Fondren, Johnny Wayne Hollingsworth, and Robert Tucker, Sr.



## **2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The election of officers for the 2009-2010 year was held at the general membership meeting on Saturday, August 1st in Florence. District Directors and Alternate Directors were chosen by the 10 Districts. The following Officers and Directors were elected:

**President Chauncey Wood**  
**First Vice President William A. Neal**  
**Second Vice President Lawrence Huffman**  
**Third Vice President Steve Dennis**  
**Secretary Mary Jane Sells**  
**Treasurer Otis "Butch" LeCompte**

- District 1: Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Madison and Marshall Counties

**Director Jerry Jackson**  
**Alternate Director Vernon Maroney**

- District 2: Blount, Cullman, Jefferson, Shelby, St Clair, Walker and Winston Counties

**Director Roger D. Wilson**  
**Alternate Director Euell A. Hodge**

- District 3: Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa Counties

**Director Billy Doss**  
**Alternate Director Scott Hallman**

- District 4: Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties

**Director Dan Hopkins**  
**Alternate Director Anthony K. Wilkerson**

- District 5: Autauga, Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Marengo, Perry and Wilcox Counties

**Director Robert Slaughter**  
**Alternate Director Mike Carlisle**

- District 6: Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike Counties

**Director James Register**  
**Alternate Director Wess Etheredge**

- District 7: Butler, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia and Monroe Counties

**Director Daniel Day**  
**Alternate Director Joey Moffett**

- District 8: Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile and Washington Counties

**Director Charlie Dixon**  
**Alternate Director Ray Hogans**

- District 9: Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Limestone, Lawrence, Marion and Morgan Counties

**Director Jimmy Looney**  
**Alternate Director Michael Moomaw**

- District 10: Bullock, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery and Russell Counties

**Director Forrest Gregg**  
**Alternate Director Kalyn Ray**

The officers and directors were sworn by State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk at the Awards Banquet on August 1st. Phone numbers and addresses for the Board members are posted on the AAVFD web site at [www.aavfd.org](http://www.aavfd.org), or you may call the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.





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## CERTIFICATION UPDATE FROM THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE

ALLAN RICE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### JPR Testing for Certification Courses that Require Skills

For many years the Alabama Fire College and the Department of Defense tested skills by having every student pass every skill before processing and mailing the course certificate. In Spring 2007, Interim Director Wayne Murry interviewed representatives in other states and asked the Certification Division to develop a new process to test the job performance requirements or "JPR Testing".

"JPR Testing" is a process used by most ProBoard and IFSAC accredited entities to test a "sample" of the required skills. The "sample" of four standard and three unknown skills are chosen randomly by computer. The skills are tested on a designated day that is scheduled by the host department at the end of the course. The skills are tested using the current Alabama Fire College skill sheets that can be found on the AFC website. The students are given a copy of all of the skill sheets on the first day of class.

The evaluators in each skill station are trained by the Alabama Fire College staff prior to the start of the testing. Evaluators are individuals chosen by the host department but an evaluator may not test a skill that they instructed during the course. Alabama Fire College Certification staff members attend each JPR testing site to manage the records and oversee the process.

Piloting the new testing process began at the Alabama Fire College in the Fall of 2007. Three resident recruit schools were used as pilots for the process. Florence Fire Department and Auburn Fire Department were the first two career departments to pilot the JPR Testing process in the field.

Chief Buchanan, Chief of Training at the Florence Fire Department, stated that the JPR testing process has made his job as training officer easier by eliminating the testing of all skills. He feels that it has assisted in identifying weaknesses in training and that the students are more accountable for mastering the skills. Several recruits have commented on the fairness of the process and how the testing was a true measure of their training.

The Alabama Fire College is now asking for Volunteer Firefighter 160 courses to volunteer to pilot the JPR testing. For information call Larry Jarvis at 205-391-3749 or email [lj Jarvis@alabamafirecollege.org](mailto:lj Jarvis@alabamafirecollege.org).

### CPAT Requirements

CPAT is not required for students entering the Certified Volunteer 160 course. CPAT is required for recruits entering Firefighter I/II training or certified volunteers entering the "Bridge" program. The CPAT form must be current on the first day of the Firefighter I/II course. Currently, the option to bridge from Certified Volunteer to Firefighter I/II is only available in resident recruit schools at the Alabama Fire

College. For information on CPAT or the "Bridge" program contact Patrick Draper at 205-343-7403 or email [pdraper@alabamafirecollege.org](mailto:pdraper@alabamafirecollege.org)

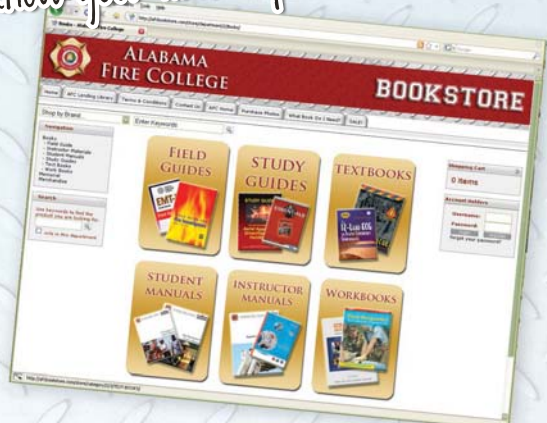
### End of Block Testing

The Alabama Fire College began piloting "End of Block Testing" for Certified Volunteer 160 in 2009. As of September 2009, all Certified Volunteer 160 courses will be tested using the end of block format. Blocks I, II, and III must be taken and tested in succession. Should a student fail an end of block exam, they may enter and test the next block before successfully passing the prior block. However, the First Responder course, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations certification course, and all three firefighter block courses must be successfully completed before the student can be issued a Certified Volunteer 160 certificate.

### Certification Scores by Email

Students in certification courses may now receive test scores by email. Prior to giving the certification exam, the test proctor will distribute a student information form. The student can check the name that will appear on the certificate, mailing address, and add or edit the email address to ensure that the scores and certificates are emailed and mailed to the correct location.

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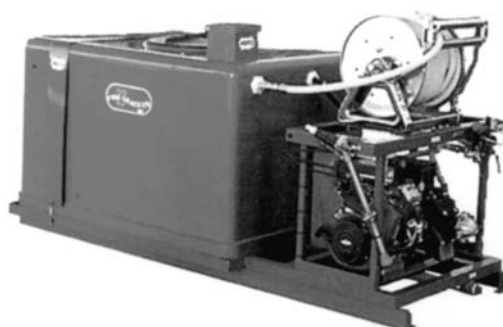
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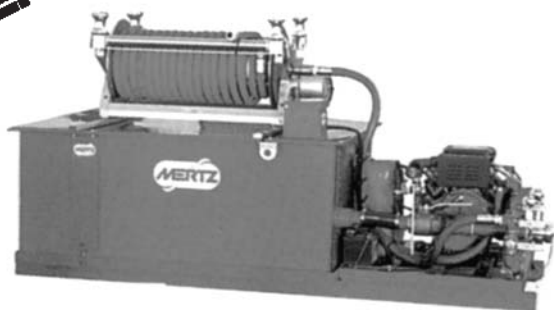
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## SHERRY GARNER MEMORIAL AWARD

Chief Mary Hallman of Blue Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin County was honored as the 2009 female Firefighter of the Year. This award is named after the first female firefighter in Alabama to die in the line of duty.

Chief Hallman's dedication is personal, as well as a family tradition. Working with her parents, she was active in department fundraising before she was old enough to join the department.

Mary joined the fire department as soon as she could become an active firefighter. She soon became Assistant Chief; and then, was elected chief in 2005. The same year she was honored as Blue Springs Firefighter of the Year.

Mary's dependability goes way beyond everyday responsibility. She responded to a fire where a neighbor was sleeping when his house fire broke out. When he woke up on fire, he jumped into a pond. He called to Mary, saying he was going to drown! She jumped in, telling him she would not let him drown; he could float on her until help could get there.

Chief Hallman also responded to an emergency call for a man who was not breathing. She got him off the couch to do CPR. When he hit the floor, his heart started beating, but she continued CPR until he could be transported to the hospital. The doctors told him that he would not have survived if Mary had not done all that she did.

Chief Hallman has secured several FEMA grants for Blue Springs VFD. She got a grant for new department turnout gear and air packs. Her hard work also paid off big when the department received a grant for a new fire truck, with an

additional grant to equip the truck. Under her leadership, the department is working hard to improve their ISO rating. Assistant Chief Johnathan Ergle stated, "Chief Hallman is devoted and dedicated to her firefighting responsibility and position as chief, going beyond the call of duty to make sure her department is safe and effective. By doing so, she has gained the respect and trust of the people in this department and county."

Leroy and Glenda Olsen said, "One of the main things that we know about Mary is that she is always there to help everyone." Carolyn Vandiver voiced her support for Chief Hallman and all the Blue Springs Firefighters when she added, "We have great confidence in their efforts and ability and feel reassured that Mary Hallman is chief of our department."



## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

For the past 20 years, James Daniel Day has served the fire service in Monroe County in many capacities going beyond the call of duty for his department and the state volunteer fire service. On August 1st, Daniel was honored as the 2009 Firefighter of the Year.

Captain Day is a member of Frisco City Fire/Rescue in Monroe County, also serving as training officer. He is a certification teacher in AED/CPR training. He has earned certification in First Responders, Extrication, Incident Command, Terrorism Awareness, EVOC, Life Flight Safety, Basic Pump Operations, Airport Firefighter I, Haz-Mat Tech and many more.

Captain Day responds to 90% of all department emergency calls. He can operate any vehicle or equipment used by the department and works to update and maintain department equipment to provide the best quality service possible to his community. He has taken a leadership role in acquiring several grants to obtain new firefighting equipment. In the past year, he helped the department acquire two additional fire trucks.

Daniel is the District 7 Director on the AAVFD Board of Directors, serving in this position for several years, as well as Alternate Director. He currently serves as the Statewide AAVFD Honor Guard Commander. He has been an Honor

Guard member for eight years.

Captain Day feels quite strongly that every man and woman in the fire service should daily strive to do their best. One never knows when the opportunity to save a life will present itself so be trained and eager to answer the challenge.

Chief Shannon Sawyer states, "Daniel sets high standards for himself and his department. He leads by example and encourages all personnel to do the same. His willingness to help other's is obvious to all around him 24/7." He is also an emergency disaster assistant volunteer with Monroe County OHS/EMA.





# 2009 AAVFD Membership – Total 903

## DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN		6 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		13 of 32
SHELBY		8 of 19
ST CLAIR		14 of 19
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		0 of 10
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	100%	13 of 13

## DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON		1 of 15
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
MARENGO	100%	12 of 12
PERRY	100%	11 of 11
WILCOX	100%	10 of 10

## DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR	100%	11 of 11
COFFEE	100%	9 of 9
DALE	100%	13 of 13
GENEVA	100%	10 of 10
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		21 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		2 of 10
MONTGOMERY	100%	8 of 8
RUSSELL	100%	11 of 11

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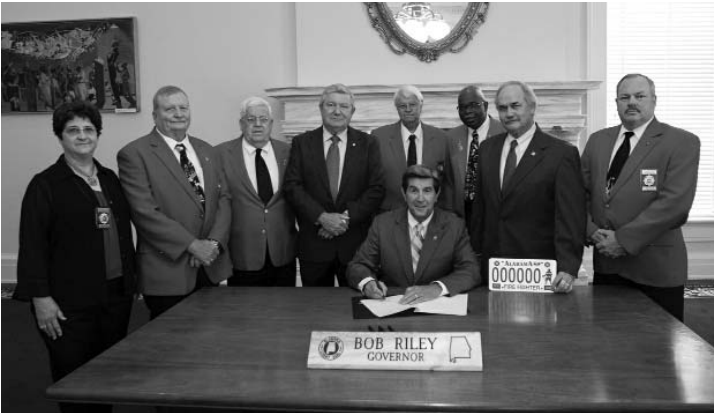
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**Act No. 2009-618 Subject: "Volunteer Fire Fighter Registration Fee Exemption"**

Amended Code Section(s) 40-12-244

Provisions:

- Provides for one (1) registration fee exemption for a volunteer fire fighter who is a resident of Alabama and is entitled to a distinctive Fire Fighter license plate.
- Exemption only applies to Fire Fighter distinctive license plates.
- Documentation required:
  - Certificate currently required from the Alabama Forestry Commission signed by the applicant's fire chief with indication that applicant is a volunteer.



*Attending the signing ceremony are Sandra Mott, executive assistant of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, Public Relations Director Otis "Butch" LeCompte, AAVFD District 2 Alternate Director Euell Hodge, Rep. Richard Laird, Roy Mott, president of the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute, AAVFD District 8 Director Charlie Dixon, Rep. Randy Wood, and AAVFD President Chauncey Wood. Not shown is Sen. Roger Bedford.*

## District 7 - Crenshaw County

### LUVERNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HONORS LUVERNE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

**W. A. NEAL, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

The Luverne United Methodist Church (LUMC) gave a special banquet honoring all Luverne Volunteer firemen. The date of the banquet was 08-22-09. The firemen were given a steak dinner. All firemen were also presented a new shirt with LVFD logo.

The banquet was in appreciation for the work LVFD members performed on 01-29-2007. "The Volunteer" summer 2007 has an article about the church fire.

The fire started in the fellowship hall kitchen area. Firemen prevented the fire from spreading into the 81-year-old church sanctuary and Sunday School area. Regretfully, the kitchen and entire fellowship hall was so severely damaged that architects recommended the structure be torn down.

The fire-damaged building was torn down and a completely new structure built. The building is known as "The Dei Center". The center has a basketball, volley ball court. Several new offices and Sunday School rooms were added. A stage platform area was added. (Photo shows firemen on the stage.) The stage has modern lights and sound equipment. Satellite teleconferences, with nationally known ministers, are now held at this facility.

The old saying "When God closes a door, He opens a window" is certainly what has happened at LUMC. The new 10,000-square-foot addition will greatly enhance God's work at LUMC.



*LVFD firemen on stage during program*



*Banquet Front Table*



# NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

**Name/Rank:** Firefighter Patrick Reardon (42), Career  
**Department:** New Haven FD, New Haven CT  
**Date of Death:** 4/21/09  
**Cause of Death:** Passed away as a result of a serious head injury sustained after reportedly having a seizure and falling in the firehouse.

**Name/Rank:** Captain/Pilot Thomas L. Risk (66) Wildland Contract  
 First Officer/Co-Pilot Michael Wayne Flynn (59) Wildland Contract  
 Crew Chief Brian Joseph Bus (32), Wildland Contract  
**Department:** Neptune Aviation Services, Inc., Missoula MT  
**Date of Death:** 4/25/09  
**Cause of Death:** Died in air tanker crash in the Utah Mountains while responding from Montana to battle a Wildland fire in New Mexico. The crash is being investigated.

**Name/Rank:** Firefighter Cohnway M. Johnson (26) Career  
**Department:** Houston FD, Houston TX  
**Date of Death:** 5/5/09  
**Cause of Death:** Passed away while in hospital from cause still to be determined after collapsing several days earlier after participating in department mandated physical fitness training activity.

**Name/Rank:** Fire Captain Frankie P. Nelson (51) Career  
**Department:** Shreveport FD, Shreveport LA  
**Date of Death:** 5/10/09  
**Cause of Death:** Suffered heart attack approximately eight hours after being relieved of duty after responding to a motor vehicle collision and died in hospital the following day.

**Name/Rank:** Lt Stephen Michael Cospelich (56) Career  
**Department:** Philadelphia FD, Philadelphia PA  
**Date of Death:** 5/20/09  
**Cause of Death:** Collapsed several hours after fighting a house fire and finishing his duty shift and never regained consciousness.

**Name/Rank:** Paul J. Roberts (54) Career  
**Department:** Beverly FD, Beverly MA  
**Date of Death:** 5/22/09  
**Cause of Death:** After failing to respond to an alert tone, he was found in cardiac arrest at the station and could not be revived.

**Name/Rank:** Jeffrey H. Reed (39) Career  
**Department:** Pulaski VFD, Pulaski VA  
**Date of Death:** 6/08/09  
**Cause of Death:** After operating a fire engine at the scene of a residential structure fire, he began to experience a medical issue.

**Name/Rank:** Debra A. Cole (40) Career  
**Department:** South Portland FD, Portland, Maine  
**Date of Death:** 6/11/09  
**Cause of Death:** Fire department reported to be a stroke while on duty.

**Name/Rank:** Conrad Mansfield (45) Volunteer  
**Department:** Delaware Township VFD, Defiance, OH  
**Date of Death:** 6/10/09  
**Cause of Death:** Collapsed while participating in pump training.

**Name/Rank:** Lyle Lewis (50) Volunteer  
**Department:** Osborne County Fire District #3, Alton, KS  
**Date of Death:** 6/16/09  
**Cause of Death:** Collapsed after assisting with an interior fire attack at a farm house.

**Name/Rank:** Allen LePage (67) Volunteer  
**Department:** Kingston Fire District, Kingston, RI  
**Date of Death:** 6/29/09  
**Cause of Death:** Passed away from a head injury he suffered while working on a ladder truck.

**Name/Rank:** Dale Elliott Haddix (70) Volunteer  
**Department:** Schell City Fire Department, Schell City, MO  
**Date of Death:** 7/04/09  
**Cause of Death:** Slumped over as he was engaging the pump on the department apparatus.

**Name/Rank:** Robert Johnson (75) Volunteer  
**Department:** Mahopac Falls VFD, Mahopac Falls, NY  
**Date of Death:** 7/5/09  
**Cause of Death:** Passed away from a head injury he received from a fall while retrieving SCBA from fire apparatus during a fire safety demonstration.

**Name/Rank:** Ryan Wingard (28) Volunteer  
**Department:** Strattanville Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, Strattanville, PA  
**Date of Death:** 7/6/09  
**Cause of Death:** Collapsed after working a debris fire.

**Name/Rank:** John P. "Jack" Horton (68) Volunteer  
**Department:** Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Marlboro, VT  
**Date of Death:** 8/6/09  
**Cause of Death:** Collapsed in the path of a fire apparatus arriving at a single motor vehicle accident.

**Name/Rank:** Paul Warhola (47) Career  
**Department:** New York City Fire Department, Brooklyn, NY  
**Date of Death:** 8/14/09  
**Cause of Death:** Experienced increasingly stroke-like symptoms after checking fire hydrant to see if active. Condition worsened and he passed away at the hospital.

**Name/Rank:** Jimmie Zeeks (54) Volunteer  
**Department:** Marion Township Rural Fire Department, Mitchell, IN  
**Date of Death:** 8/15/09  
**Cause of Death:** Passed away while in command at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident.

**Name/Rank:** David Jamsa (45) Wildland Contract  
**Department:** U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management - Nevada State Office  
**Date of Death:** 8/20/09  
**Cause of Death:** Crashed in a single engine air tanker (SEAT) while dropping fire retardant on the Hoyt Fire.

**Name/Rank:** Jonathan Croom (34) Career  
**Department:** Buffalo Fire Department, Buffalo, NY  
**Date of Death:** 8/24/09  
**Cause of Death:** Killed while searching a burning commercial structure when the floor collapsed and trapped the firefighters.

**Name/Rank:** Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones (34) Career  
**Department:** Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles, CA  
**Date of Death:** 8/30/09  
**Cause of Death:** Suffered fatal injuries after driving off the side of a treacherous road.

**Name/Rank:** Kenneth Frizzell, Jr. (55) Volunteer  
**Department:** Charleston Volunteer Fire Department, East Charleston, VT  
**Date of Death:** 8/30/09  
**Cause of Death:** Ejected from tanker after it crashed off the roadway.





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*Joseph DeWayne "Petey" Parrish, Lightwood VFD, Elmore County, passed away July 11, 2009.*

*Todd Willis Wilson, Rock Stand VFD, Randolph County, passed away July 30, 2009*

*Captain Shirley Counselman, firefighter and wife of West Bend-Bethel VFD Chief Gary Counselman, Clarke County, passed away August 12, 2009 after losing her battle with cancer.*

*Tim Lennicx, Fairhope VFD, Baldwin County, passed away from a brain tumor August 23, 2009*

*John Bishop, Stockton VFD, Baldwin County, passed away August 23, 2009*

*Harvey Cox, Old Kingston/Browntown VFD, Autauga County, died August 24, 2009*

*David Boykin, Green's Crossroads VFD, Barbour County, died of a massive heart attack on August 24, 2009*

*F. D. Rice, Alder Springs VFD, Marshall County, died August 24, 2009*

*Carlena Clemens, Bobo VFD and Madison County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments secretary, passed away August 30, 2009*

*Asst. Chief Willie King, Boykin-Damascus VFD, Escambia County, passed away September 11, 2009*

## CONDOLENCES

*We extend our condolences to the friends and family of Sergeant Jerry Randall Evans, Jr., 23, who was a Volunteer Firefighter with the White Oak Volunteer Fire Department.*

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