



# THE VOLUNTEER



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

April – June 2010

## 2010 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 23-24, 2010, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and will be hosted by District III Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The registration headquarters will be at the Alabama Fire College.

### ELECTIONS

At the annual business meeting on Saturday, elections will be held to fill the officer and board member position. The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations:

President	Chauncey Wood (I)
Vice President	
South	William Neal (I)
Central	Steve Dennis (I)
North	Lawrence Huffman (I)
	Derrick Gatlin
Secretary	Mary Sells (I)
Treasurer	Charles Jackson

Incumbent treasurer Butch LeCompte chose not to run for re-election. Nominee Charles Jackson is a member of McCall VFD in Escambia County. Please see his fire service biography elsewhere in this issue.

North Vice President nominee Derrick Gatlin is Limestone County Fire Association President and a member of Tanner VFD. Please see his fire service biography elsewhere in this issue.

The remaining nominees are incumbents with whom you are well acquainted.

Nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are permitted by the AAVFD by-laws. All candidates, except those presented by the nominating committee, must be present at the annual business meeting.

All six officers are elected by majority vote of the members in attendance and those members represented by proxy.

Each District (1 through 10) will elect two individuals to represent their district on the Board of Directors for the

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## Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Available

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments has once again partnered with the Alabama Forestry Commission and the USDA Forest Service in offering the 10th annual Wildland Fire Prevention Grant for Volunteer Fire Departments and County Associations.

The intent of this program is to assist Alabama volunteer fire departments, county associations or a combination of both to develop or continue a Wildland Fire Prevention program in their county.

We recommend your prevention program be developed based on these project areas: Educational, Public Involvement, Public Information, Advertisement, Public Notice and Promotional Literature. Each of these categories has many options you can utilize for your grant program. The deadline for submitting your application to the AAVFD office must be post marked by July 2, 2010. The project submitted by each applicant will be evaluated by the committee on July 19th.

Applications are now available through your county association, the AAVFD office by calling 888-972-2833 or online at [www.aavfd.org](http://www.aavfd.org).

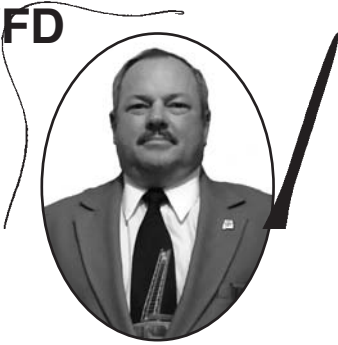


**AAVFD President Chauncey Wood accepts Wildland Fire Prevention grant check from state Forester Linda Casey. Looking on are: L-R Sandra Mott, AAVFD Executive Assistant; Ed Paulk, State Fire Marshal; Craig Hill, Law Enforcement Chief, AL Forestry Commission; President Wood; Ms Casey; Greg Wood, RCFP Supervisor, AL Forestry Commission; Dan Jackson, Protection Division Director, AL Forestry Commission; and Carolyn Fox, Administrative Assistant, AL Forestry Commission.**

# FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

*Chauncey Wood*



*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

We never know what a day will bring into our lives, especially in the fire and rescue business, so getting started on the right foot is extremely important. The above verse came at a time that I needed to be reminded that we all serve an awesome God. This verse contains a good reminder for all of us, and doing it the right way should be the only way!

The regular session of the Alabama Legislature - without a great deal of fanfare - came to an end on April 22nd. Much of the session dealt with budgeting issues, complicated by a lack of money, and those issues were handled extremely well in the House and Senate. I believe that unless things change dramatically, our next Governor and Legislature will deal with much larger financial problems next year.

"He signed it!" Yes, Governor Bob Riley recently signed into law SB 299, Alabama Firefighter's Annuity and Benefit Fund for volunteer and paid firefighters that includes qualified service, disability and death benefits, annual audits and reports. This was AAVFD's primary bill for this session and has been pursued for more than twenty years by your association. But, this was not the only bill worked by your association. We had other victories, too, and a few defeats, but all in all, we successfully accomplished many of our goals for the session. (See AAVFD 2010 Legislation Final Report in this issue.)

In 2009, seven bills passed and were signed into law. The 2010 session saw 13 bills passed and signed into law. Since becoming your President two years ago, "Our" Association has had 20 fire service bills passed. It took a lot of persistence and diligence by many talented people to complete our legislative agenda. I extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with AAVFD Legislation. I was able to witness their fortitude first hand this year, and compliments to them all for their

*(Elections continued from Page 1)*

coming year. AAVFD by-laws require that those two individuals shall not be from the same member department and, in so far as possible, shall come from different geographical areas within the district. Directors and Alternate Directors shall be elected by a committee consisting of one individual from each dues-paid general member department from within the district (ONE VOTE PER DEPARTMENT PRESENT) at the general meeting.

hard work. AAVFD legislation for 2011 is already being drafted for pre-filing for a March 1st beginning.

At our last quarterly meeting on May 22nd, the AAVFD Board of Directors signed a resolution supporting "Our" own Public Relations and District 8 Director Charlie Dixon for the Governor's appointment for a 4-year term to the Board of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission. Governor Riley will make this appointment sometime in July.

It's hard to believe that "Our" 33rd Annual Conference is just around the corner. District III Association Conference Chair Billy Doss and Co-Chair Scott Hallman, along with their Conference committee, have been working tirelessly to make this one better than the last two (Florence & Tuscaloosa). Whew!!! They're putting in O.T., I know! Joey, Sandy and Carma Boyd are getting ready for competition. Question is, 'Are YOU ready?!?!?' The Boyd Clan has "Apple Pie" energy juice and grilled food nutrients that are out of this world!

Vendors!! There will be lots and lots of them, so please go by and THANK them for coming and supporting AAVFD. "Our" Fire College Executive Director Allan Rice; where would we be without him?!?!? Allan and his entire staff at the Fire College always go the extra mile to not only make the AAVFD feel welcome, but let us know that the volunteers are a BIG part of the Fire College. Be sure to THANK Allan and the Fire College Staff for opening their doors to us once again. Remember, we were here in 2008 and are excited to be returning for another great Conference!

See you at Conference. "It's gonna' be "Roll Tide" Grand! Until then, "Be safe and May God Bless "Our" Association!"

## OIL DISASTER ON SHORES OF GULF PRESIDENT CHAUNCEY D. WOOD III

With the tragic loss of eleven lives and oil continuously flowing from the floor of the Gulf of Mexico, this has been one "BIG" disaster. Since April 20th, I have been in constant contact and am working closely with BP's Operations Chief, OSHA, D.O.T., Coast Guard, and the State and local authorities/agencies to insure our volunteer fire departments are utilized to their fullest potential! (See article on page 19.)

"Our" VFD Chiefs, Instructors and HazMat Techs are teaching "HazWoper" classes, laying booms, manning vessels skimming oil and conducting burn offs. Everyone and everything has been affected, to include the ocean wild habitat. DCNR Marine Resources were called to investigate sting ray sightings near the shore. Biologists' Aide Scott Hammerle and Biologist II Karon Radzik were out on the pier responding to the call. Karon and Scott were taking water quality readings and photos while observing the fish.



*L-R: Doug Hammerle, President Wood, Karon Radzik*



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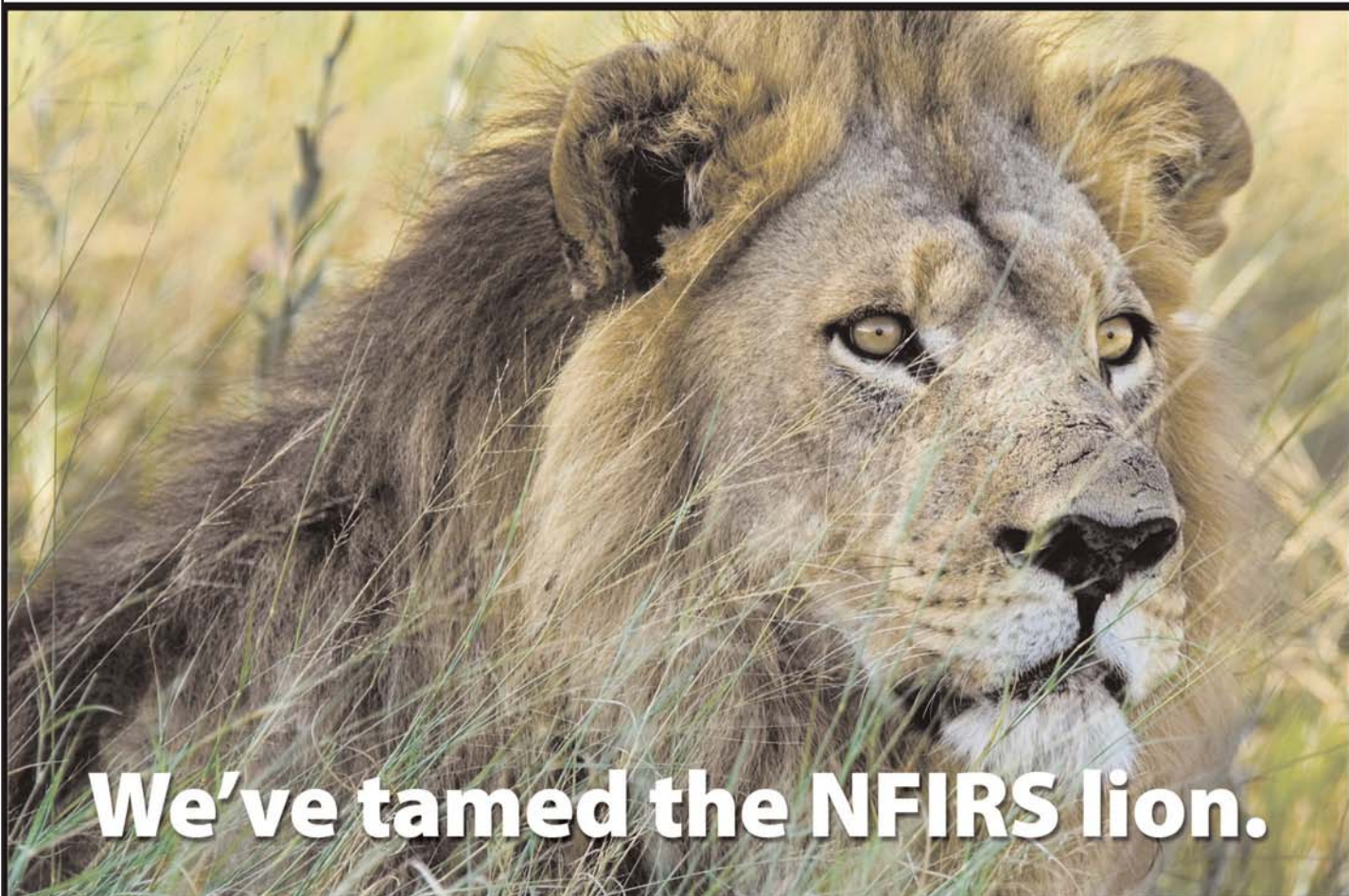


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The 2010 Annual AAVFD Conference will be hosted by the District Three Association in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on July 23 & 24, 2010.

Registration will be \$25.00 per person. Due to the AAVFD website difficulties the registration will remain \$25.00, please have turned in by July 10, 2010.

All activities will be held at the Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL. (Registration, Vendor displays, Friday night cook-out and Saturday competition.)

The Awards Banquet will be nearby at the Bobby Miller Activity Center on Saturday night.

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# From Here and There

*News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama*

This year's Arson Awareness Week theme is Community Arson Prevention. The goal for this year's Arson Awareness Week, which takes place May 2 - 8, 2010, is to focus attention on the horrific crime of arson and provide communities with tools and strategies to combat arson in their neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and places of worship. Almost 8,000 firefighters are injured each year in arson fires - ten firefighters were murdered.

Opine-Tallahatta Springs VFD, Clarke County, held their annual fund-raiser on May 15th, with Singing Groups, cake walks, food and fun for the children. The department's new turnout gear was on full display, along with their new sign erected with the funding from the AAVFD Wildland Fire Prevention grant.

May is National Electric Safety Month. Firefighters, remember to "test before you touch" to avoid death, injury and economic loss due to electrical hazards on the fire scene.

Representative Chad Fincher presented the Citronelle VFD, Mobile County, with a check for \$2,400. The funds will be used for much-needed fire fighting equipment.

Citronelle City Council voted to purchase a 2004 pumper from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus. This truck will replace a truck that was totaled in a wreck in March.

May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month, a time for fire fighters to focus on preventing and controlling high blood pressure. As a first responder you have probably taken many people's blood pressures, but are you aware of your own numbers?

Pine Hill VFD, Wilcox County, visited Pine Hill K3 and K4 classes on April 29th. The students got to view the fire trucks up close, and the fire fighters gave them safety tips on what to do if their house were to catch on fire.

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), along with original co-sponsor Christopher Dodd (D-CT) introduced the Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act (S. 3319) on May 5. The bill, which is companion legislation to H.R. 1792 in the House, would clarify the treatment of length of service award programs (LOSAPs) in the federal tax code. LOSAPs are pension-like programs for volunteer emergency services personnel. Nearly 20 percent of the volunteer firefighters in the United States participate in a LOSAP.

Millbrook VFD, Elmore County, participated in the second annual "Cops and Kids Day" at the Village Green on May 22nd. Dummies were strapped into a rollover vehicle to demonstrate the importance of wearing a seatbelt and children tried on firemen's protective gear while exploring the fire trucks.

Recognize the contributions and dedication of the emer-

gency medical service providers in your department and community during National EMS Week. The 2010 event is May 19-22 with the 19th set aside as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day to focus on child safety and injury prevention.

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) have selected the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) as one of three recipients of the 2010 Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award. The NVFC is being honored for establishing and promoting the Volunteer Firefighter Health and Safety Priorities.

AAVFD asks that you please bring your fire department patch to Conference in July. We want to feature each department in our state on our "Wall of Patches". New patches have been received from Bay Minette (Baldwin), Catoma (Montgomery), Dannelly Field (Montgomery), Emerald Mountain (Elmore), Foley (Baldwin), Greenville (Butler), Hollis (Cleburne), Little Texas (Macon), Millbrook (Elmore), Mobile (Mobile), Montgomery (Montgomery), Troy (Pike), Spring Garden (Cherokee), Tuskegee (Macon), and Tuskegee Airmen (Macon).

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# CHEROKEE, CLEBURNE, ESCAMBIA, AND MONROE COUNTIES HONOR HEROES

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Cherokee, Cleburne, Escambia, and Monroe County firefighters and emergency medical personnel with 10 years or more of service were honored in the concluding ceremonies which began at the 2009 Alabama Sports Festival XXVII on June 19, 2009.

Each emergency responder was presented a specially designed medal at the events, the medal of service and the medal of sacrifice. Cleburne County Association President Chad Roberts told his group, "We have come a long way from what we were 10 years ago. We have branched out from just fires. You are the reason we are successful, and it is through your dedicated efforts."

AAVFD District 7 Director and Honor Guard Commander Daniel Day praised the men and women of Monroe County saying, "Your dedication and efforts are what keep our citizens safe. Thanks for your service."

AAVFD President Chauncey Wood also praised those honored at all three of the events, acknowledging their service with these words, "You put your lives on hold for people

you don't even know. We are proud to honor you!"



*All Centre firefighters pictured are active firefighters in their respective positions or as safety officers. These firefighters have a combined total of 154 years of firefighting experience that they bring to their department and Cherokee county.*

**L-R:**

**AAVFD President Chauncey Wood**

**Centre Fire Chief Kevin Ware - 37 YOA - 16 years of service**

**Lifetime Member Jack Norton - 81 YOA - 30 years of service**

**Retired Fire Chief Hobert Reed - 87 YOA - 61 years of service**

**State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk**

**Assistant Chief Robbie Moon - 47 YOA - 17 years of service**

**Assistant Chief Charles Laney - 76 YOA - 30 years of service**



*Rep. Alan Baker (seated) with Escambia County Honorees*



*District 4 Director Dan Hopkins receives Medal of Service from Cleburne County Sheriff Joe Jacks*



*Rep. Harry Shiver Honored Monroe County Firefighters (Shiver is standing to left of President Wood on 3rd Row)*

## AAVFD PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR AT D. C. MEETING

Mr. Otis "Butch" LeCompte, Treasurer and Public Relations Director of Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, along with representatives of Alabama Firefighters Association, Alabama Fire Chief Association, Professional Firefighters Association and Alabama Fire College, participated in Congressional visits in Washington, D. C. April 27-29 as part of the Congressional Fire Service Institute Annual Conference, seminars and dinner banquet.

The group's meetings with legislators were key to ensuring continued support of Firefighter Assistance Funding Grants, Interoperability Radio Communications, Homeland Security, SAFER and Wildland Fire Prevention Grants for volunteer and career departments.

This is Mr. LeCompte's second trip to Washington, D. C. in the past two years representing AAVFD. AAVFD President Chauncey Wood emphasized, "Personal contact is the most effective way for AAVFD and others to educate lawmakers about critical issues and responsibilities facing our fire service."



## RECOGNIZE OUR OWN HEROES! SHERRY GARNER MEMORIAL AWARD AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

The Firefighter of the Year and Sherry Garner Memorial Award is given to individuals based on their history of fire service accomplishments, contributions to the volunteer fire service, contributions to fire safety, demonstrated leadership, challenges overcome or other considerations deemed worthy of recognition by the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.

Do you know a volunteer firefighter whose achievements in the fire service and in the community exemplify this philosophy of fire prevention and suppression? All fire service organizations in Alabama should be thinking of submitting

nominations for the male Firefighter of the Year award and the female Sherry Garner Memorial Award.

These awards are to recognize service to our fellow citizens. Many firefighters go the extra mile in serving their department and community, spending many hours in firefighter training, educating the public in fire prevention, as well as risking their lives and livelihood fighting fires.

Nominations must be post marked no later than July 9, 2010 and mailed to AAVFD, 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 345, Montgomery AL 36104-4373.

## PIKE ROAD VFD AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT!

Usually calls to the local fire department mean someone is in need of help. However, on the morning of June 9, 2010, the Department received a call advising they were on the receiving end of help this time in the form of a Federal Grant!

Congressman Mike Rodgers phoned Chief Mike Green advising that the Pike Road VFD (Montgomery County) was being awarded over \$35,000.00 in funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. These funds are allocated to operations and safety. The PRVFD will purchase additional firefighter gear.

The Department recently had 12 members complete a state certified firefighter's course and the gear will allow them to fully participate in fire emergencies when called upon. With the addition of these 12 individuals, our

Department now has 65% of its volunteers certified through the Alabama Fire College. Definitely something we can all be proud to say!

In addition to the gear, the Department will be able to purchase other needed items to assist in the safe and efficient daily operations of the Department. An additional T.I.C. (Thermal Imaging Camera) will aid in the quicker searches for victims trapped and assist in locating hidden spot fires while limiting the amount of damage to the structure. A truck load of rubber supply hose and a portable generator round out the list of items to be received.

The PRVFD would like to thank the Department of Homeland Security and Congressman Rogers for his continued support of this program. Congressman Rogers's dedication to the fire service is commended.



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Hale QMAX 1750 GPM Pump  
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**1999 E-One Rescue Pumper**  
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Allison HD4060P Automatic  
Hale 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Poly Tank  
FoamPro System with A&B Foam



**1998 Pierce Lance Rescue Pumper**  
Cummins M11 450 HP Diesel  
Allison HD4060P Automatic  
Waterous 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Polypropylene Tank  
Feecon ATP Foam System



**1997 Spartan Rescue Pumper**  
Detroit Series 60 430 HP Diesel  
Allison Automatic Transmission  
Waterous 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Polypropylene Tank  
A & B Foam System



**1996 E-One Cyclone Pumper**  
Detroit 6V92TA 400 HP Diesel  
Allison Automatic Transmission  
Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
1000 Gallon Poly Tank



**1996 Pierce Saber Custom Pumper**  
Detroit 320 HP Diesel  
Allison Automatic Transmission  
Waterous 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Poly Tank  
Akron Foam System



**1995 E-One Rescue Pumper**  
Cummins 8.3L 300 HP Diesel  
Allison MD3060 Automatic  
Hale 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump  
1000 Gallon Polypropylene Tank  
FoamPro Foam System



**1994 E-One Cyclone Rescue Pumper**  
Cummins 8.3L 300 HP Diesel  
Allison MD3060 Automatic  
Hale 1500 GPM Top-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Poly Tank



**1990 E-One Protector Pumper**  
Cummins 8.3L 250 HP Diesel  
Allison MT647 Automatic  
Hale 1000 GPM Top-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Steel Tank



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FoamPro Foam System



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# AAVFD 2010 LEGISLATION

## CHAUNCEY D. WOOD III - AAVFD PRESIDENT

**SB299 ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND** - *Senator Roger Bedford* - To create the Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund for paid and volunteer firefighters. Includes qualified service, disability and death benefits, annual audits and reports. EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2010

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 30, 2010. Act # 2010-726

**HB262 LODD TAG & TAG LIST** - *Representative Richard Laird* - Motor vehicles, distinctive license tags, Forestry Commission and Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission required to prepare lists of persons eligible for, widow or widower of firefighter or volunteer firefighter who dies in line of duty authorized to receive free license tag. EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2010

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 22, 2010. Act # 2010-582

**SB127 PER DIEM AND MILEAGE** - *Senator Arthur Orr* - This bill would provide per diem and mileage, under certain conditions, to a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer emergency medical service provider appearing as a witness in a deposition or court hearing in connection with a civil matter regarding an event he or she witnessed or investigated in the course of his or her duties as volunteer firefighter or a volunteer emergency medical service provider. EFFECTIVE: JUNE 1, 2010

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on March 22, 2010. Act # 2010-218

**HB 546 DEATH BENEFITS** - *Representative Arthur Payne* - Under existing law, the dependents of a peace officer, fireman, or volunteer fireman who is killed in the line of duty are entitled to a death benefit in the amount of \$100,000. If a death occurs within 10 years from an injury received in the line of duty and is proximately caused from the injury, the death is deemed to have occurred in the line of duty. This bill would delete the requirement that the death be within 10 years of the injury if the death results from the injury. EFFECTIVE: APRIL 29, 2010

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 29, 2010. Act # 2010-709

**HB306 ACCIDENT RESPONSE FEE** - *Representative William Thigpen* - This bill would prohibit any person or other entity from imposing an accident response service fee on or from an insurance company, the driver or owner of a motor vehicle, or any other person or entity. (AMENDMENT TO HB306, ON PAGE 2, LINE 11, AFTER THE PERIOD, INSERT THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: THE

TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE RESCUE SQUADS OR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS). EFFECTIVE: APRIL 29, 2010

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 29, 2010. Act # 2010-698

**HB62 LICENSE TAGS** - *Representative Randy Wood* - Motor vehicles, states, county, municipal, and VOLUNTARY fire departments, license tags, fees to be set by Revenue Department, insurance fee, replacement tags, transfers, Revenue Department to retain fees. EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2011

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 29, 2010. Act # 2010-689

**HB180 FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY** - *Representative William Thigpen* - This bill would increase the level of board member compensation for members and the chairs of water, sewer, and fire protection authorities and boards of directors of municipal corporations providing water and sewer services and would increase the compensation for members and chairs of county and municipal boards of directors of water, sewer, and fire protection authorities. EFFECTIVE: APRIL 22, 2010

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 22, 2010. Act # 2010-580

### AAVFD LOCAL BILLS

**Coffee County - HB191** - *Representative Terry Spicer* - Levy a fire protection and emergency medical fee of \$30 on dwellings and commercial buildings. Voters approved this referendum on the June 1, 2010 ballot by a vote of 5,343 Yes to 4,217 No.

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on February 23, 2010. Act # 2010-110

**Geneva County - SB485** - *Senator Harri Anne Smith* - Creates fire districts in Geneva County. Citizens will vote on November 2, 2010.

**HISTORY** - Signed by Governor Bob Riley on April 21st. Act # 2010-546

**Lauderdale County - HB660** - *Representative Mike Curtis* - Establish sales tax exemption for Lauderdale County Fire Association. DID NOT PASS

**HISTORY** - Assigned to Education & Appropriations Sub-Committee on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

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## AAVFD CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

# Friday, July 23, 2010

9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration at Alabama Fire College
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
Noon - 5:00 pm	Vendors at Alabama Fire College
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Training at Alabama Fire College
	VFIS Workers Compensation
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting @ AFC
6:00 pm	Cook Out @ AFC
	(Bring your name tag)
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Ride on the “Bama Belle”
	(Please provide your own transportation to the Bama Belle)

# Saturday, July 24, 2010

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Competition Registration @ AFC
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Competition Captains Meeting @ AFC
8:00 am - until	Registration at Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - 10:00 pm	Children's Fishing Competition @ AFC
8:30 am - Noon	Competition @ AFC
11:00 am	Extrication - Hybrid Vehicle
Noon - 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Annual Business Meeting @ AFC
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet @ Bobby Miller Center (Bring your Name Tag)
9:30 pm - 12:30 pm	Social Time @ Jameson Inn (Please bring your own lawn chair and beverage of your choice.)

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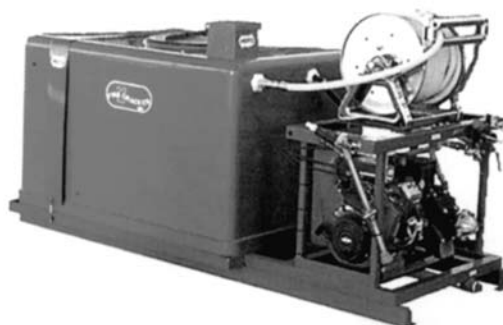
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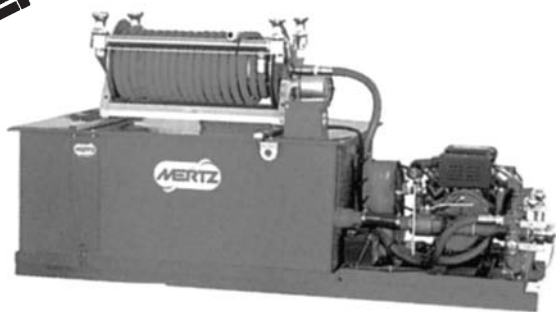
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## CANDIDATES FOR AAVFD OFFICES



### CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER **CHARLES JACKSON**

Joined Brewton Fire Department in 1969 while attending Jefferson Davis Junior College  
Served as a volunteer with the Ferry Pass Fire Dept in Pensacola FL (1971-72) while attending the University of West Florida.  
Break in Service [Entered military service as a Commissioned Officer in the US Marine Corps in 1971  
Returned to Alabama in 1973 to join the Marine Corps Reserves in Mobile AL  
Founding member of the McCall Volunteer Fire Department in 1973

One of Founding officers in 1983 [Treasurer] for the Escambia County Firefighter's Association  
Serving in 28th year as the ECAAVFD Treasurer  
Former Fire Chief for the McCall Volunteer Fire Dept (1988-90) before having to return to active military service during Operation Desert Storm.

Presently serving [since 1992] as the Assistant Chief and department treasurer for MVFD

#### TRAINING COMPLETED:

Basic Firefighter Course -1969  
Completed Firefighter 1/II Course Instruction 1983-84  
Completed Exxon Oilfield Fire School - 1985  
Completed Federal Emergency Management Officer Training Program - 1986  
Completed NIMS Courses (100/200/300/400/700/800)  
Completed Wild Land Fire Arson Investigator Course - 2010



### CANDIDATE FOR NORTH VICE PRESIDENT **DERRICK GATLIN**

Member of Tanner VFD since 1990  
Past Assistant Chief Tanner VFD - 1992-1993  
Past Chief Tanner VFD 1993 - 2000

Captain Tanner VFD 2000 - Present  
Past Vice President Tanner VFD - 2005 -2009  
President Tanner VFD - Present  
Past Sec/Tres Limestone County Fire Association 1995 - 2000  
President Limestone County Fire Association 2000 - Present  
Rural Community Fire Protection Institute - Board Member - 2004 - Present  
Rural Community Fire Protection Institute - Treasurer - 2008 - Present

## LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS FIGHT FOR THEIR WAY OF LIFE LOCALS COMBAT OIL SPILL

In the community of Magnolia Springs off Mobile Bay, docks have mailboxes, the nation's last waterborne mail route, and friends spend weekends over seafood boils. Residents love this place.

Guiding community members following the Gulf oil spill, Magnolia Springs Fire Chief Jamie Hinton set out to do all he could from what he and others saw as a twin threat - oil and bumbling on the part of both government leaders and corporate executives.

Chief Hinton spend three weeks tangled in red tape before finally getting approval to do something that's never before been needed, much less tried: using a combination of barges and oil-blocking booms to keep crude out of the Magnolia River. After fits and starts, supposed approvals and later balks, Hinton finally got the OK on his fourth try to protect the river just as oil began washing ashore on Alabama beaches.

From a \$200,000 allocation from the \$25 million that BP gave Alabama for oil spill response, the new system is finally in place in the mouth of Weeks Bay. Locals hope it will safeguard both the Magnolia River and the nearby Fish River, where the U.S. Postal Service route operates.

"What we have here is a community that has taken charge of the situation and said, 'To hell with the system,'" said Gib Hixon, Baldwin County Fire Chief Association President and

Chief of Fish River/Marlow Fire and Rescue.

So far, no oil is in Weeks Bay or either river, but the slick hasn't gotten to the barrier yet (second week in June). If and when it does, Hinton and the mayor will make the decision to close the bay and block off access to the Magnolia River. "We can shut it down in three hours," Hinton said.

On June 15th, Chief Hixon was told by his assigned contact at BP that the Coast Guard has announced that they will no longer direct local operations with booming etc., instead leaving it to towns and local communities. Hixon stated, "I feel that we will have much more say in these cleanup matters in the future, and this is very positive. I have requested a written daily action report for the county and am awaiting approval."



*Fish River Marlow Firefighter Chad Overfield prepares to deploy boom*

# 2010 AAVFD Membership – Total 912

## DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN	80%	8 of 10
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	38%	12 of 32
SHELBY	42%	8 of 19
ST CLAIR	0%	0 of 19
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

## DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE	38%	5 of 13
GREENE	100%	14 of 14
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR	100%	10 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	21 of 21

## 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	20%	3 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

## DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON	100%	16 of 16
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%	12 of 12
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%	21 of 21
MONROE	100%	15 of 15

## DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN	53%	17 of 32
CHOCTAW	93%	13 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
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## Section 15

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

### Proposed By-Law Change (For the Annual Business Meeting, 2:00 pm, July 24, 2010)

Synopsis: Currently the president can only serve three consecutive annual terms. This would remove this requirement and allow the president to succeed himself without stepping aside for one year.

## SECTION 5. OFFICERS.

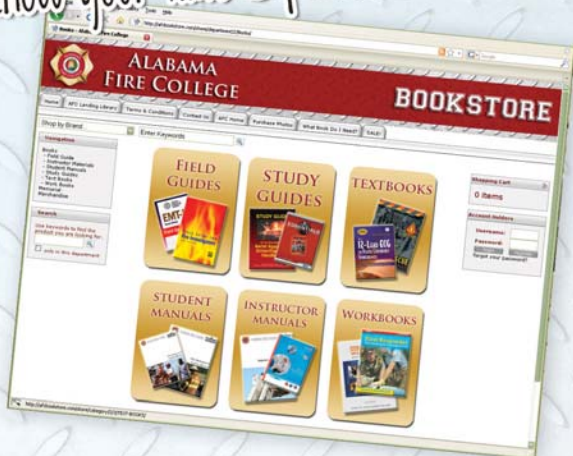
(2) All officers shall be elected at the Association's annual meeting, and each may succeed themselves in office. However, commencing with the individual elected at the 1998 annual meeting, the President may succeed himself, if so elected, as to serve a total of three consecutive annual terms. Then, before that individual may be elected again to the office of President, another individual must first serve at least one annual term as President. If at all possible, anyone seeking to be one of the six officers commencing in August, 1996 or later shall serve at least one year as a Director.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## SECTION 5. OFFICERS.

(2) All officers shall be elected at the Associations' annual meeting, and each may succeed themselves in office. However, commencing with the individual elected at the 2010 annual meeting, the President may succeed himself/herself, if so elected, as many times as voted in by the voting membership of the Association. If at all possible, anyone seeking to be one of the six officers commencing in July 2010 or later shall serve at least one year as a Director.

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## THE BELL TOLLED

*Leon Washington, Mantua-Lewiston VFD, Greene County, passed away May 5, 2010. He served as chief for several years and was loved and respected by those who knew him as a straight-talking fellow. His fellow firefighters served as pallbearers.*

*Asst Chief Dalton Bevis, Spring Valley VFD, Colbert County, passed away May 15, 2010.*

*Kenneth Kitchens, Beulah VFD, Lee County and Huguley VFD, Chambers County, passed away May 24, 2010.*

## CONDOLENCES

*We extend condolences to the family of Mrs. Dell Thornell, widow of former State Fire Marshal Roy Thornell, who passed away June 19, 2010.*

## NOTICE TO ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

AAVFD is asking every department in the state to contact us at [aavfd@mindspring.com](mailto:aavfd@mindspring.com) and let us know of the oldest members on your department. We are trying to identify these people who have served a long number of years and are still members of the department. Note the years of service in Centre VFD in Cleburne County on page 9. Retired Chief Hobert Reed is 87 years old and still serves his department as Safety Officer. We hope to honor all firefighters who exhibit this magnitude of dedication to the fire service in their community.

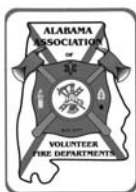
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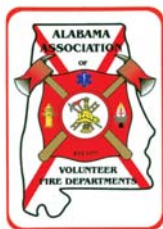
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