



THE VOLUNTEER



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2005 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, 2005, in Sheffield, Alabama and will be hosted by the Colbert County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The registration headquarters will be in the lobby of the Holiday Inn.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for the Conference will be \$20.00 per person and increases to \$25.00 when you register at the Conference. Included in this fee are the Friday night cook-out meal and the Saturday night banquet. (Pre-registration form included in this newsletter.) You must have your registration nametag to eat at the cookout on Friday night and at the banquet on Saturday night.

ELECTIONS

At the annual business meeting on Saturday, elections will be held to fill the officer and board member positions.

Officers: The nominating committee made the following recommendations:

For the Office of:

PresidentJoey Boyd

Vice President

Southern Area.....William Neal

Central Area

Northern Area.....Lawrence Huffman

SecretaryMary Jane Sells (I)

Kalyn Ray

TreasurerGary Cobb (I)

Before the deadline for publication of The Volunteer, the following person submitted their letter of intent to run for the following offices:

President.....Johnny Alberson

Vice President, North RegionRoger Wilson

Vice President, Central Region.....Steve Dennis

Vice President, South RegionCharlie Dixon

Floor nominations at the annual meeting may join these. Per AAVFD By-Laws, all candidates, except those presented by the nominating committee, must be nominated from the floor and all candidates 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.

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

NOTE:

The AAVFD office mailed proxy ballots on June 7, 2005. Please contact the office immediately if the county president has not received the ballot for your county.

For an “in-depth” look at each candidate, see page 6.

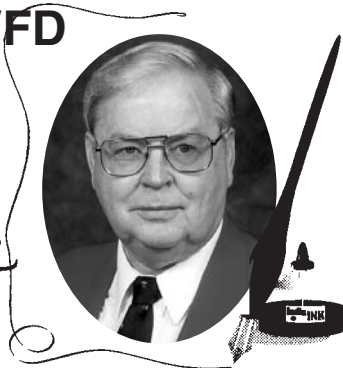
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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Dennis



THE ALABAMA VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE

Over the years that I have served as president of this association, there have been many changes. Most were brought on by the natural changing of time which we have absolutely no control over. Issues such as the increased prices of oil products which drive our operation cost up. The increased cost of the equipment and utilities also drives our operation costs upward. The loss of jobs (including those of the volunteer firefighters) which can make the difference in daytime firefighters being available has affected many fire departments across our state. I hope you get the point: we have very little control over many of the issues that face our service each year. However, the number of volunteers who are the backbone of each department is the one issue we can manage if we chose to. Without the people to operate the fire engines and fight the fires, the best of everything would be useless to a department without the firefighters.

All issues are important to the operation of a volunteer fire department; however, the one issue which should be the most important is the number of volunteers in the department. We cannot control the price of gasoline nor can we prevent the families moving to other locations to find work. However, we can put forth a greater effort in recruiting new people into our service. This association has worked over the years to increase the number of volunteers in our

statewide recruiting program. But we can only do so much as this issue comes down to each fire department in each community. More and more I hear stories of departments that have no one to respond to daytime emergencies. Because of this I strongly suggest departments put a greater effort in recruiting and retention programs by allocating a percentage of your budget for these programs. I'm sure some will say their income is so low they cannot afford to. Regardless of your income, unless your department has an adequate number of volunteers, you cannot afford not to.

Now on a personal note, of all the programs this association has implemented while I served as president, there is one that stands out more than the others. The AED program has and will continue to save many lives and some of those will be firefighters such as those in Cleburne County. This is a great program and you, the volunteer fire service, made it happen. The grant this association was awarded under the past administration for recruiting put thousands of recruiting posters across Alabama. This, too, was a great program for our volunteer fire service. There were many other programs this association achieved which made a positive impact on our volunteers. But there is one that, in my view, has provided more comfort to hundreds of firefighters and family members more than any other—that is the AAVFD Honor Guard.

To be a volunteer firefighter requires a great amount of time, dedication and commitment. To be a firefighter and a member of the AAVFD Honor Guard requires much more. Members of the Honor Guard travel hundreds of miles each year to provide a service to members of the fire service and their families. When most firefighters are home with their families, Honor Guard members may be at a funeral home or burial service paying their respect to a family who lost one of Alabama's best. Just by being there, they provide comfort and, most of all; let families know their loss was ours, too. They present the colors at county association annual dinners many times miles from their home and their family. The men and woman of the AAVFD Honor Guard are very special people in our fire service and the best any state could ever hope to have.

Mobile County Association Holds Annual Awards Banquet

On April 9, 2005 The Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments held their annual awards banquet.

The following awards were presented:

EMT of the Year: Jason Chapman – Georgetown VFD
Administrator of the Year: Tim Newton – Georgetown VFD
Dispatcher of the Year: Rebel Warbington – County Dispatch
Fire Fighter of the Year: Terry Sexton – Semmes VFD

Over 200 fire fighters and honored guest also welcomed the newly formed Honor Guard of the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The Honor Guard will be used at special functions, banquets, parades and funerals





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The seminar provides approximately 100 hours of instruction over eight days. Its classes are physically strenuous and participants must be in good physical health. Students should be prepared to work in difficult situations, both above and below ground. Each student must demonstrate his or her ability to ascend (a rope) 25 meters, change over, and rappel part way down, tie off a descender, correct a jammed descender, then rappel safely to the ground as part of initial check-in skills. Level 3 students must demonstrate additional skills.

Courses Offered

LEVEL 1 teaches current cave rescue and emergency management techniques, and provides instruction in caving, basic rope work, litter rigging and transport, and incident command systems. It is specifically designed to meet the various needs of agency personnel with little or no cave-related experience, and cavers with little or no rescue or medical experience. Level 1 prepares the student to function as a cave rescue task force member.

LEVEL 2 prepares students to function as cave rescue task force leaders. ***Participants in Level 2 must have successfully completed an NCRC Level 1 course within the past four years.***

The Level 2 curriculum assumes that students have learned, retained and practiced the skills taught in Level 1. Students are taught more advanced techniques in medical management, vertical and horizontal rescue, team leadership and incident management.

LEVEL 3 is designed to challenge and fine-tune students' technical and management skills. ***Participants in Level 3 must have successfully completed an NCRC Level 2 course within the past four years, and will be expected to demonstrate retention of their skills as a condition of participation.*** Most sessions will be practical field exercises focused on crack and crevice rescue, technical rigging, water problems, and difficult litter handling situations, with an emphasis on small group scenarios and innovation. Classroom instruction will emphasize upper-level incident management. Throughout the week student teams will be presented with a variety of cave rescue problems and be expected to solve them with the assistance and supervision of the instructors.

REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION (includes all meals and camping) \$410.00

NSS Membership Discount - \$35.00 (for members of the National Speleological Society)

If you have questions about the seminar or for a registration form please contact:

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CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Dan Sheridan started his career in 1986 in Tower Ladder 17 located in The South Bronx. He spent 5 years there, in 1991 he transferred to Squad 41 a newly formed company that was reopened as a result of Engine 41 closing. The company was responsible to respond to all fires in most of the Bronx and Harlem. The company was extremely busy in those years in the

early 90's. In 1995 Dan was promoted to Lieutenant and worked for around 2 years in Special Operations Command. In 1999 he transferred to Engine 58 also known as "The Fire Factory". On September 11, Dan arrived with his crew at 11:00 AM, shortly after the collapse of the 2nd tower, and wound up spending most of September and the month of October 2001 at the WTC site. In March 2002 he spent a month on a special detail as part of the recovery crew. That was a month where the recovery was winding down and a lot of FF's that were lost were found at the bottom of the WTC site. Dan was promoted in 2003 to Captain and is presently covering in the 6th Division which covers The South Bronx and Harlem. Dan has been cited 8 times in The FDNY for bravery, 3 individual awards and 5 unit citations. Dan was also awarded a WTC campaign ribbon for his part in the recovery.

Dan is married with 3 girls and lives in a quiet bedroom community called Lake Mahopac. As a result of 911, he has formed a foundation which helps FF's in Latin America. Since 2001, he has been to Latin America over a dozen times, training and equipping Fire Departments in Guayaquil, Ecuador, Lima, Peru and Panama. The organization is named Mutual Aid Americas. The web site www.mutual-aid.org.

2005 AAVFD CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration in Lobby at Holiday Inn
 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
 Noon – 5:00 p.m. Vendor Time at Fair Grounds
 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting - Holiday Inn
 6:00 p.m. Cookout – Spring Park

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration in Lobby at Holiday Inn
 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Competition Registration & Captains Meeting
 Fair Grounds
 9:00 a.m. – Noon Competition at Fair Grounds
 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Time at Fair Grounds
 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting at Holiday Inn
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting at Holiday Inn
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet at Sheffield Recreation Center
 9:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Social Time at Holiday Inn

2005 State Conference Information

The Colbert County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments is proud to host the 28th annual Conference of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The upcoming Conference will be July 15-16, 2005 in Sheffield, Alabama.

The host motel will be the Holiday Inn, and the overflow motel will be the Webster Hotel & Suites. Reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn at 256-381-4710 and the Webster Hotel & Suites at 256-383-4100 or toll free 1-877-474-6257. Make sure you state you are attending the AAVFD Conference. The room rate will be \$59, plus tax, at both hotels.

If you have any questions, you may contact Conference Chairman Lawrence Huffman at home 256-446-9813, by cell phone 256-810-0671 or by e-mail 1whuff1@yahoo.com. The conference schedule and guest speaker information is not complete at this time.

Conference pre-registration will be \$20.00 per person, and registration at the conference will be \$25.00 per person. Please complete the pre-registration form to the right.

Conference Pre-Registration

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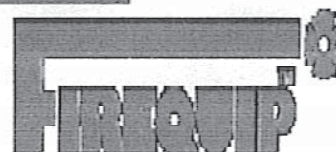
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Officer Candidate Focus

On the following pages, you will find information on the candidates recommended by the nominating committee to fill the officer and board member positions shown. The AAVFD hopes this information to assist you in selecting the best qualified applicants for each position. Each candidate provided his/her own information.



Joey Boyd
Candidate for President

Many of you who have been a part of the AAVFD over the years know who I am. But for those of you who don't know me, and the new members of the AAVFD who may not know me or of me, here's a little about myself.

My name is Joey Boyd. I have been a part of the AAVFD for nineteen years. I have served in many different positions in the Association. I live in the East

Limestone Community in North Alabama with my wife of twenty-three years, Sandy Boyd and my sixteen-year-old daughter, Carma Nicole Boyd.

I have been a member of the East Limestone VFD for twenty-four years. I became Chief of the Department in 1989 and still serve in the position today. In 1986, I was employed with the Redstone Arsenal Fire & Emergency Services, and I am still employed with them.

I became involved with the AAVFD back in 1984 when the AAVFD Conference was held in Huntsville, Alabama. We attended the Conference, and I saw what good things this Association could do for VFD's across the state. While at the Conference during the election, I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors as District 9 Alternate Director. I remained Alternate Director for two years and was then asked to serve as District Director of District 9, which I served for two years. In 1989, I was asked to run for one of the Vice President positions and was elected, serving as Third Vice President. Also in 1989, I was on the founding

board of the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute, serving one term on the Board.

From 1989 until 1997, I served in the position of Third, Second and First Vice President of the AAVFD. In 1997, I voluntarily stepped down from position of First Vice President. The following year I was asked to seek the office of Vice President by the members of AAVFD. I was re-elected to the office of First Vice President of the AAVFD and served until 2003. In 2003, I was not re-elected to the Board, but still served on the Board as Competition Chairman. Before the AAVFD Conference in Dothan last year, I was asked again to seek one of the Vice President slots by members of the AAVFD. I was re-elected to the office of Third Vice President.

Again, the members of the AAVFD have come to me and asked if I would accept a nomination to the Board. I have thought long and hard on this. I have talked this over with my family and have decided if the members see fit to nominate me to the Office of President, and I am elected, I will serve to the best of my ability as President of this Association. If not elected, I will support the AAVFD Board in any way that I can.

To all those who have asked me about this, "Thank You" for your voice of confidence. Remember, this is your Association. Let the Board know your wishes, where you would like to see this Association go forward to. I have had people come to me over the years who were members of VFD's or other organizations that didn't like the way things were going saying, "I'm just going to quit." I'd tell them, "You can do what you want, but if you are not there voicing your opinion trying to change things, things will never change." So be there to make a difference. Things never go the way you always like them to, but if you are not there, they never will. Thank you for your support.



Johnny Alberson
Candidate for President

Dear Friends, my name is Johnny Alberson, and I am interested in becoming President of Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments for the 2005-06 term. A brief biography is as follows:

I am married and my wife, Elaine, is Choctaw County Coordinator of Cooperative Extension System. We are members of First Baptist Church in Butler. We have 2 sons and 1 grand-

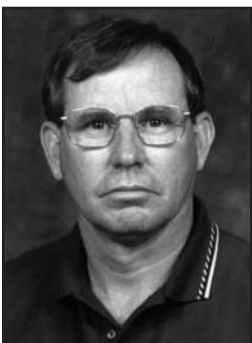
daughter. I am retired from Choctaw County School System as Transportation Supervisor.

I began my tenure as a firefighter with Butler Volunteer Fire Department in March 1971. I have been Assistant Chief of BVFD

for 25 years. I helped organize the Choctaw County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments and was president of CCAVFD for 20 years. I helped initiate and successfully pass a fire protection tax in Choctaw County. I served 4 terms on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Fire Protection Institute with one year as vice president and one year as president.

Twice I have been chosen as Firefighter of the Year of BVFD. Once, I was chosen by Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year. Once I received the Governor's Volunteer Award for volunteer service. I served three years as chairman of the E911 Board in Choctaw County and was elected for a term on the Choctaw County Board of Education.

Now that I am retired, I feel that I have and am willing to devote the time necessary to carry out the job as president of AAVFD. I earnestly solicit your vote and support in this undertaking. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.



Steve Dennis
Candidate for Vice President,
Central Region

- Chief of Friendship VFD – 1980 to present
- Chief of Tallassee VFD – 1986 - 2000
- Served as AAVFD District 10 Director or Alternate Director
- Vice President, Central Region – 1999 thru 2000
- President of Friendship Water Works

- Member of Elmore County E911 Board
- Certified Firefighter Instructor, EMT, Hazardous Materials, Extrication, plus numerous certificates through the Alabama Fire College.
- Farmer for 40 years
- Member of Alabama National Guard, Chief Warrant Officer 5, for 35 years.

Officer Candidate Focus



Lawrence Huffman
Candidate for Vice President,
North Region

- Retired from Tennessee Valley Authority in September 1995 after 27 years of service.
 - Served from 1968 to 1988 as Student Generating, Plant Operator, Assistant Shift Engineer, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, Plant Support Supervisor, Yard Operation Supervisor, and Quality Manager.
 - After retirement served three years as Quality Consultant.
 - Served two years as Marketing Manager for Modular Home Manufacturing.
 - Serving as Grant Manager for Colbert County EMA.
 - Served as Vice President and President of Colbert County Association of Volunteer Fire Department.
 - Served as President of District 9 of the Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.
 - Served as Alternate and Director of Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.
 - Served as a member of Alabama Forestry Steering Committee.
 - Served on Colbert County E-911 Board of Directors.
 - Served on Board of Directors for Paradise Federal Credit Union.
 - Served on Credit Committee.
 - Served as a board member for Colbert-Browns Ferry Credit Union for 15 years and have been a member of the Credit Union for 38 years.
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Roger D. Wilson
Candidate for Vice President,
North Region

Present:

- Director of Walker County 9-1-1 since May 1993 (see below for Board of Directors term).
- Serve on the Cost Recovery Committee of the Alabama Wireless Board
- Serve as President of the Alabama Association of 9-1-1 Districts
- Serve as Vice President of the Alabama Chapter of National Emergency Number Association
- Serve as 9-1-1 representative on the State of Alabama Homeland Security Task Force Committee.
- Serve as Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Alabama Chapter of National Emergency Number Association
- Serve as District II Director for the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments
- Serve as Vice Chairman of the District II Fire Association
- Serve on the Alabama Forestry Steering Committee
- Serve on the LEPC of Walker County
- Serve as Local Point of Contact for Homeland Security
- Volunteer with the Pineywoods Fire Department

Previous:

- Served as Chairman of the Walker County 9-1-1 Board of Directors (1990 ñ 1993)
- Served as President of the Walker County Firefighters Association
- Served as Vice President of the Walker County Firefighters Association

As Director of Walker County 9-1-1, I oversee a countywide 9-1-1 communications center that dispatches for twenty-three fire departments and two rescue squads. I work closely with Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS so that we provide the service to the citizens of Walker County, Alabama that they deserve.

I am active at the state level in making sure that 9-1-1 receives the assistance that they deserve.

References:

- Jim Walker - Director Alabama Department of Homeland Security
 - Art Faulkner - Alabama Department of Homeland Security
 - Roger Humphrey - Director Cullman County E9-1-1 District (256) 734-0911
 - Phillip Howard - Vice President Compliance Officer Citizens Bank of Winfield (205) 487-4277
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Charlie Dixon
Candidate for Vice President,
South Region

Charlie Dixon was born in Thomasville AL and has lived in Thomasville all of his life. He is the son of the late Mr. Earl and Mrs. Ora Dee Dixon. He is married to Alberta Smiley Dixon, and they have one daughter, two sons and six grandchildren.

He is a member of the New Hope No 1 Baptist Church. He sings in the choir, and he loves Sunday School.

Charlie became a volunteer fireman in March 1992. Because he is a hard-working, dedicated fireman, he was chosen Thomasville VFD "Fireman of the Year" in 1993. This great love for fire-

fighters has moved him into several positions. He is Public Relations Officer for his department. He is a member of the Public Relations Council of Alabama and has been spotlighted in one of their newsletters.

In 2001, Charlie was appointed to the Rural Community Fire Protection Steering Committee. In 2004, he was appointed to the Board of the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute. He is currently serving as District 8 Director on the AAVFD Board of Directors.

Charlie works diligently with his co-firefighters of the Thomasville Volunteer Fire Department and with his Fire Chief Mark Sims. The department's last project that he spearheaded was a motorcycle run, which was a great success.

Each Year they work with the third grade class on the "Project Eagle" training program and carry the students on a field trip. He has been promoting this project in the Thomasville Elementary School for eight years.

Officer Candidate Focus



William Neal – Candidate for Vice President, South Region

I wish to announce my candidacy of Southern Area Vice President of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. I wish to work with the other officers of the Association to find some means of enhancing benefits for future and current volunteer firefighters. WE ARE LOOSING THE BATTLE to recruit and retain young men and women into the volunteer fire service. I feel

qualified to serve in this position. My experience, education, training, will enable me to best serve the interests of the volunteer fire service for the ENTIRE STATE. I would appreciate your vote and support.

My career in the fire service began when I was sixteen years old. I was a member of the Flomaton, AL Volunteer Fire Department. I was a member for four years.

I joined the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department in January 1973. I am still a active member 30 years later. I have served as training officer, Lieutenant, Captain and currently serve as Assistant Fire Chief. I have been Assistant Chief since 1995. I have taken countless Alabama Fire College Training Classes.

I served as Secretary Treasurer of the Crenshaw County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments for two years 1986-1988. I was elected President in 1988 and served for 15 consecutive years until January 2001. As President, I coordinated countless activities involving both firemen and policemen. I operated in a Joint Command Post on countless occasions. The most memorable were the floods of 1990 and Hurricane Opal in 1995. I assisted in the design of the counties Fire Control Radio Network and the E-911 system organization.

I have served on Committees for the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments (AAVFD) and the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute. I am currently in my fourth term as District Seven Delegate to the Board of Directors to the AAVFD.

I have attended eight courses at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. These 48-hour courses were part of the Volunteer Incentive Program. Those courses are as follows:

Fire Service Planning Concepts for 21st Century	February 1998
Fire Command Operations	February 1999
Leadership & Administration	February 1999
Challenges for Training Officers	February 2000
Hazardous Materials Incident Management	February 2001
Fire Cause Determination	September 2002

Advanced Safety Operations & Management	February 2003
Leading Community Fire Prevention Tuscaloosa, AL	September 2004
Alabama Fire College Fire Inspectors Course I	June 2000
Alabama Fire College Fire Inspectors Course II	April 2004

House Speaker Seth Hammett appointed me to serve a four-year term on the Governor's Task Force for Homeland Security in December 2003. I represent the state's volunteer fire service. I also serve on the AAVFD legislative committee, Wild Land Grants Committee.

I continue Public Safety work as a part time policeman, Assistant Fire Chief, Building and Fire Inspector for the City of Luverne AL. I have served on countless Community, school support group positions. In 1997, the Luverne-Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce awarded William Neal the "Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award" for countless hours of work to the community. In 1999, I wrote an Emergency Operations Plan for the Crenshaw County Public School System.

Professional Career:

Employed March 1971 as Alabama State Trooper Cadet. Promoted to trooper September 1972. Assigned to Highway patrol division. Served the next 26 years as a state trooper with the Highway Patrol division. Special duties were traffic homicide division as Investigator, accident reconstructions, investigating over 150 fatality accidents.

While in Special Operations Platoon Four, I deployed to four major hurricanes, five tornado touch downs, four floods, two riots, three labor strikes, one school boycott, 13 gubernatorial inaugurations, and one National Governors Conference.

In 1980, was awarded Public Safety Life Saving Award for saving the life of a two-year-old boy, whose face was torn off in a traffic collision.

1996, the Law Enforcement Coordinated Committee of US Attorney's office for the middle district of Alabama selected Trooper W. A. Neal as the outstanding law enforcement of the Year for my work in assisting District Attorneys in criminal prosecutions of DUI, assaults and manslaughter cases in a nine county area of south and middle Alabama.

On September 1, 1998, I retired after 27 years as a state trooper.

References:

Alabama Department Public Safety Major Cary Sutton
State Senator Wendell Mitchell
State Representative Charles Newton
ADECA Chief and former Luverne Mayor John Harrison
Alabama Department of Education Director of Finance and for Superintendent of Education Craig Pouncey.



**Mary Sells
Candidate for Secretary**

As you all know, the AAVFD Officer's election is in the making again for another year, and I would like to announce that I have been nominated and am a candidate for secretary for another year. I am Mary Sells, a member of the McCullough Fire Department in Escambia County. I have served as AAVFD Board Secretary for the past three years, and I'm very concerned about the success of AAVFD.

I've been active in the fire service for 11 years, currently serving as Assistant Chief of my department, active in writing grants, working fund raisers, and attending department training sessions. I am a member of the AAVFD South Honor Guard. I was honored with the AAVFD Sherry Garner Memorial Award for outstanding female firefighter in 2001 and 2004.

Over the years that I've been involved with the state association, I've seen a lot of changes, some for the better and some not. We are all involved in the volunteer fire service and should keep in mind that we are working for the good of all departments in the state.

I truly thank each of you who have voted for and supported me in the past. I ask that you do it again this year.

Officer Candidate Focus



Kalyn Ray
Candidate for Secretary

I, Kalyn Ray, am announcing my candidacy and have been nominated for Secretary of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments for the upcoming 2005-2006 year.

I am married to a career firefighter and the Assistant Chief of the Lee Chambers Volunteer Fire Department. We have two children, ages 19 and 15. My son is a volunteer firefighter as well as a Basic

EMT and is going through Paramedic school. My daughter's ambition is to become a forensic investigator and work for the State Fire Marshal's office, as well as being a volunteer firefighter.

I have been affiliated with the Lee Chambers Volunteer Fire Department since 1989. I have been a dispatcher, firefighter and now, I am the Captain over EMS. I have been the Secretary of our fire department association for the past three years, and the secretary for our County Association for the past eleven years, and now am the County Association Vice Chairman. I have held the position on the board as Alternate Director of District 10 for six years and have been the Director for the past two years.

I have also been the Nominating Committee Chairman for the past five years. As you can see, I have several years of experience as a Secretary and believe that I could be a great asset to the Board and to the AAVFD. I will bring the knowledge that I have of firefighting, medical and secretarial skills to the Association.

I am asking for your support and votes in the upcoming election in Sheffield on July 16th. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.



Gary Cobb
Candidate for Treasurer

I received my B.S., M.S., and Ed. S degrees from Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville AL

I spent 2 years in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, including 1 year in Vietnam.

I taught science and biology on the middle school, high school, and college levels during my 30 years as a teacher. I

retired from teaching about 7 years ago.

I have been a member of the Brindlee Mountain Volunteer Fire Department for the past 16 years. I am a state certified Firefighter

II, Fire Instructor II, and have been a Paramedic for the past 14 years. In our Fire Department, I have served as the Secretary of the Department and as the EMS Captain. Our department has a class 5/9 ISO rating and is a non-transport ALS Service running out of three stations in 2 counties.

I was selected Male EMT of the Year by the Morgan County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments two different years.

I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Morgan County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.

I have served as the AAFD representative to the State EMS Advisory Board, the Cardiac Arrest Survivors Commission, and on other EMS committees over the past several years.

I currently serve and am seeking re-election to the position of AAVFD treasurer.

2005 AAVFD Membership – Total 834

DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN		7 of 13
CHEROKEE		1 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		19 of 34
SHELBY		12 of 22
ST CLAIR		
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE		
GREENE		12 of 13
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR	100%	10 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER		
TUSCALOOSA	100%	20 of 20

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	13 of 13
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA		
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
TALLADEGA		3 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR		4 of 12
COFFEE	100%	9 of 9
DALE	100%	13 of 13
GENEVA		
HENRY	100%	6 of 6
HOUSTON	100%	17 of 17
PIKE		

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		14 of 33
CHOCTAW	100%	13 of 13
CLARKE	100%	13 of 13
MOBILE	100%	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	100%	19 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

COLBERT	100%	13 of 13
FRANKLIN	100%	12 of 12
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		1 of 8
MACONMONTGOMERY	100%	8 of 8
RUSSELL	100%	11 of 11

Conference Competition in Sheffield

Joey Boyd, Competition Chairman

Competition in Sheffield is fast approaching, I'm sure there are teams already getting in some practice. If your not you better get started. We will begin around 8:30 a.m. at the Fair Grounds with a Captains meeting, do all the usual things, draw for starting positions, decide in which order we will run the events and try to answer any questions anyone may have before starting. The competition will start at 9:00 a.m. if we are lucky and we don't have too many questions.

With there being no Fire Fighter Appreciation Day last year maybe we will have even more teams show up this year. We had a few new teams last year and I look forward to seeing them again, the old teams and even more new teams this year. In the past years we have had some great competition from teams, I look for this

year to be no different and one of the best ever. So you better be on top of your game, because there is always a team out there who will surprise you.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at fightsfire@aol.com. I will be glad to answer any question you may have about the competition. If you don't have email, you can always call me at 256-233-1597. If I'm not home, which seems to be quiet often, just leave a message, I'll call you back. A full set of Competition Rules can be obtained by calling the AAVFD office at 1-888-97AAVFD or if you have a computer go to the AAVFD web site, AAVFD.org go to administration tap. You will find the rules there. Good luck to all.

Oh by the way, I guess you thought I wasn't going to tell you what events you would be running this year, you know that

would be kinda fun, huh,..... nah!! You'll be running Air pack. Obstacle Course and the one where someone is sure to get wet, WATER on the ROOF. There's an OLE saying I keep hearing every time that tub gets brought out. Lets see how does it go? I'd rather NOT!! But you know I have never gotten it to work on me works for some but not me, LOL. You can run, you can hide, but there's someone out there who will find you or catch you. Because I have tried both, don't work for me, who else would like to get wet this year? I'll save a spot for you, the tub is big enough for two.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL.

A full set of Competition Rules can be obtained by calling the AAVFD office at 1-888-972-2833 or 334-262-2833.

Proxy Votes

AAVFD Secretary Mary Sells will accept proxy votes at the Conference on Friday, July 15, 2005 from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. On Saturday, July 16th, proxy votes will be accepted from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. Location will be announced.

According to AAVFD By-Laws, all proxy votes shall be called for three times by the presiding officer as the first agenda item following the opening ceremonies of the general meeting. All proxy votes must be turned in to the Secretary before the third and final call for proxy votes. Once the third and final call is given and the presiding officer has officially declared the proxy votes closed, proxy votes cannot be accepted from anyone for any reason.

All proxy holders who will be casting proxy votes at the annual business meeting are reminded that no proxy

vote will be honored for a department having one or more members at the meeting. Although a proxy ballot containing a list of all county departments is sent to each county president, a department is not required to give its county president, or anyone, the authority to cast its department's vote. If one person is present at the meeting that person shall vote their department's one vote; whether that person votes or not, the proxy holder shall not be entitled to vote for that department.

In order for the annual meeting to progress in a timely manner, it will be very helpful for the representative from all departments voting to come by and register with the Secretary during the hours set aside to accept proxy votes. However, any person voting for their own department is entitled to a ballot up until the final call for proxy votes has been made.

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Florence or take US 71 to Huntsville and ALT US 72 to Muscle Shoals and to the motel.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting of the AAVFD Board of Directors will be at the Annual Conference in Sheffield AL on Friday, July 15th at 4:00 pm. The Association's annual meeting will be Saturday, July 16th, at 2:00 pm.

FUNDRAISER DRAWINGS

Anyone who wishes to sell tickets for a fundraiser drawing at the AAVFD Annual Conference must get prior approval from the AAVFD Board. Send a letter outlining the item you propose to give away to the Montgomery office no later than June 1st. Approval will be sent in writing, and you must have it with you at the Conference.

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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

Congratulations to Titus VFD, Elmore County, for achieving a class 5/9 from a prior 9 rating, effective May 1, 2005.

Congratulations to Liberty VFD, Pickens County, for achieving a class 5 area wide using a tanker shuttle from a prior 5/9, effective May 1, 2005.

On March 12, 2005, Packer's Bend VFD, Monroe County, held a spouse, officer and firemen banquet to honor those who work so faithfully with the department.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week was celebrated April 10-16, 2005, honoring thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the citizens of the United States. Guest speaker for the event was AAVFD District 8 Director and Thomasville Firefighter Charlie Dixon. He spoke about the duties of the firemen and offered words of encouragement to all of those present.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, took delivery of a 1976 Mack 100-Ft ladder truck on April 3, 2005.

Potter Station VFD, Dallas County, held open house at the station on April 16th.

Four C VFD, Marshall County, held open house on April 17th celebrating the 20th anniversary of the department.

Oakman VFD, Walker County, held its third annual Firefighter Competition on April 30th.

Arson Awareness Week, May 1-7, 2005, marks the first time that "School Arson: a Burning Subject" has focused on the problem of school arson.

EMS Week will be observed May 15-21, 2005. "Care you can count on." Share safety information with your community and honor your dedicated crews.

Linden VFD, Marengo County, was presented \$1,000 toward the purchase of a Tempest Power Blower by Wynne Echols, owner of Papa's Foods after he learned it could have prevented smoke damage to inventory from a fire in his store last year.

Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, trained to battle LP gas fires with a "LP tree" on April 15th. The gas fueled flames reached more than 20 feet into the air.

The newly formed Honor Guard of the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments welcomed over 200 firefighters and honored guests to the Mobile County annual awards banquet on April 9th. Congratulations to Firefighter of the Year Terry Sexton, Semmes VFD, EMT of the Year Jason Chapman, Georgetown Fellowship VFD, Administrator of the Year Tim Newton, Georgetown Fellowship VFD, and Dispatcher of the Year Rebel Washington, County Dispatch.

Homeland Security Outlines NIMS Requirements

In a September 8, 2004 letter to the nation's governors, secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge outlined the minimum requirements for state and territories to comply with the new National Incident Management System (NIMS). Ridge said that fiscal year 2005 marks the beginning of a requirement for federal and local government leaders to begin putting in place practices and policies for the NIMS.

Following this timeline, fiscal 2006 will be a year for determining what works and what needs to be improved. After fiscal 2007, if DHS officials decide that local officials have not fully implemented NIMS, federal emergency preparedness funding will not be granted to that state or locality.

NIMS is the first-ever standardized approach to incident management and response. Developed by the Department of Homeland Security and released in March 2004, it establishes a uniform set of processes and procedures that emergency responders at all levels of government will use to conduct response operations. The NIMS will enable responders at all levels to work together more effectively and efficiently to manage domestic incidents no matter what the cause, size and complexity, including

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Federal agencies also are required to use the NIMS framework in domestic incident management and in support of state and local incident response and recovery activities.



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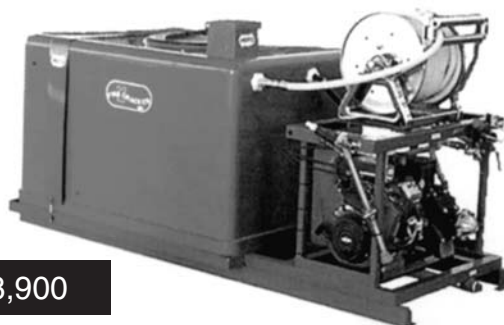
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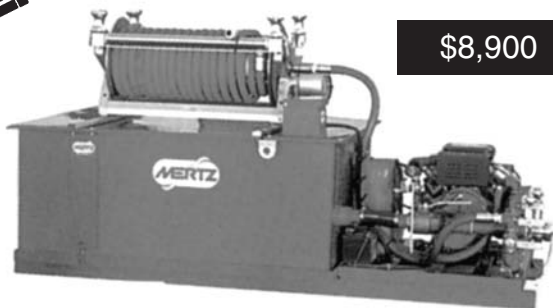
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LVFD Takes Delivery of New Truck

The Luverne Volunteer Fire Department took delivery on Tuesday, April 12 of a new rescue response unit. This new unit will replace a 1980 converted ambulance.

The 1980 converted unit has been in service as a rescue vehicle since 1989. The old unit had become a serious maintenance problem. LVFD worked closely the past two years with Luverne Mayor Joe Rex Sport and the city council to find a replacement.

The 2004 Ford Chassis was purchased last fiscal year. The body was installed during current fiscal year. The total cost of the unit was approximately \$86,000. Nearly two-thirds of the funding used to purchase this unit came from the City of Luverne. The Luverne Rescue Squad donated \$20,000. The remainder of the funds came from state and county taxes, LVFD member fundraisers and private contributors.

The unit was the most extensively planned unit ever specified and purchased by the LVFD. During the past two years, LVFD officers traveled to several locations in three states to look at possible replacement units. The final unit was built by Custom Works, Inc., located in Morrow, Ga. The unit came with six rollout trays, a 120 volt lighting system that included 500-watt lights, and a 6000-watt generator. A 15,000-pound winch was installed. The unit has a 12-volt LED Strobe Lighting package. Custom Works also built a compart-



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ment for the LVFD's 1997 Ford Brush truck.

This compartment will be used to back up the new unit. This will give the Luverne Volunteer Fire Department the capability to respond in rural areas and not leave the city unprotected. During the last fiscal year, LVFD responded to 54 traffic accidents that resulted in 63 injuries, nine fatalities and performed 10 extrications. 44 percent of those accidents were outside of the city limits in the rural areas of Crenshaw County.

The Luverne Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the purchasing of the new truck.



AAVFD Treasurer Gary Cobb presents the wife of Chief Al Wright, Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department a check in the amount of \$1,000.00. Chief White died of a heart attack in route to an accident for the Hollywood Fire Department. AAVFD provides a relief funds check for members of the association.

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St. Clair News

Springville Leads the way with new ordinance

Kellie Long

In a groundbreaking move, the City of Springville has become one of the first in Alabama to adopt an ordinance aimed at protecting the health and safety of citizens and visitors. The new ordinance requires automatic external defibrillators (AED) in businesses and other assemblies where 250 or more people may gather.

"Springville is following right along the national average with a 5 percent survivability rate for sudden cardiac arrest," Fire Chief Richard Harvey said.

"We're not going to settle for that. With AEDs in local businesses, schools and churches the survivability rate could increase significantly."

The City of Trussville has a similar ordinance on the books requiring the devices only in new businesses. What sets Springville's ordinance apart from Trussville's, and makes it the only one of its kind in the state, is that Springville is requiring AEDs in both new and established businesses, churches and assemblies.

"This is an ice-cutting move by the city council and several other municipalities in St. Clair County are already looking at following suit," Mayor Ricky Buckner said. "I expect it will not be long before many across the state will have the same type of ordinance."

An AED is a device designed to deliver a controlled shock to a patient experiencing cardiac arrest. The device is simple to operate with little to no training and will not deliver a shock unless the patient needs it.

"They are designed for the lay person to use with little or no training," Harvey said. "They're very simple and safe to use."

According to Harvey, AEDs sta-

tioned in churches and businesses can help cut response times for emergency medical treatment by several minutes.

"By the time we get the call and get in route, two or three minutes has already passed and our response time is about five minutes," he said. "With an AED avail-



able, the patient could possibly receive life-saving treatment in just a couple of minutes. And that could make the difference. In my 18 years as a medic, it's surprising how many full arrests I've run in churches and businesses."

The ordinance applies to any established or new business, church, or assembly with an occupancy rating of 250 people or more. It requires an AED be located with-

in three minutes distance of anywhere in the building, which requires some churches and assemblies to purchase two or more of the units. Harvey said AEDs can range in price from \$1,300 to \$1,900 and a wall mount for the unit is \$265.

The ordinance also provides that the fire department will be responsible for training in the use of the AED and for annual inspections of the equipment.

"We're going to train anyone who wants to learn how to use one and we'll conduct annual inspections on the units," Harvey said. "We'll also assist in deciding which one to purchase and the maintenance of it." Those requiring AEDs have until January 2006 to comply with the new ordinance. Those who refuse to comply can be fined up to \$50 per day until they do comply.

The city council also voted to adopt a Public Access Defibrillation Program that will place AEDs in all public access buildings and city parks as well as all police patrol cars. All fire department vehicles are already equipped with the devices.

"By accepting this program, it says that the city of Springville is committed to stopping cardiac arrest and increasing the health and safety of citizens,"

Harvey said. "In studies where AEDs were already in place, the survival rate of cardiac arrest has increased to nearly 80 percent in a five year period. That's what we want in Springville."

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2005 WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION GRANT

The smart way to fight fire

There are two ways to fight fire. One requires thousands of dollars in fire equipment, firefighters, and many hours day or night, not of our choosing. The other requires taking advantage of a grant provided by this association with the help of the Alabama Forestry Commission. This Fire Prevention Program is designed for one purpose: to prevent and reduce the number of Wildland fires. This association has provided \$276,000 in Wildland Fire Prevention Grants to the volunteer fire service over the past four years. Grants were issued to eighteen County Associations and one hundred and three departments.

Once again, this Association, with the assistance of the Alabama Forestry Commission, is providing over \$60,000 in grants for 2005. The requirements are the same as before, with one exception. The Association will provide the grant recipients Wildland Fire Prevention catalogs. This is due to a number of grant

recipients purchasing fire safety items that are not allowed in the grant guidelines. Any funds used to purchase Fire Safety or Fire Prevention material other than "Wildland" Fire Prevention material or not used in your grant program must be repaid to the Association.

All grant applications must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2005. All grant reports will be due November 1, 2005. The final report must include: (1) a narrative of what was done on the project, (2) how the grant funds were spent (with receipts), (3) the number of man-hours your department/association contributed to your project, and (4) the approximate number of people to whom your program was presented.

If you have any questions regarding the 2005 Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Program, contact the AAVFD office @ 1-888-972-2833 or President Johnny Dennis @ 1-256-766-4707 or e-mail jden@comcast.net.

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Alabama Fire College

Fire College Week:

The Alabama Fire College salutes the many volunteer fire fighters who attended the recent 69th Annual Fire College Week, conducted April 21 through 24. We received about 500 registrations for the separate sessions of Thursday-Friday and Saturday-Sunday. This was the highest attendance in the long history of Fire College Week.

Several volunteer fire departments were also represented among our instructors for the 13 separate training classes that were offered for Fire College Week. Tommy McPherson from Brindle Mountain VFD taught Crash Victim Extrication. Fred McKay from Dallas-Selville VFD taught Service Testing Pumpers, Hydrants, and Hose. Matt Lindsey, Eric Lynch, and Caleb Williams from the Hamilton FD were part of the instructional team for the Basic SCBA class, as was Jason Stringer from Mt. Vernon FD.

The courses and instructors all received high marks from the students on their course critiques. Fire College Week students were also asked about courses they would like to see next year. High on the list were Rural Water Supply, Emergency Vehicle Operations, HazMat Awareness and Operations, and a repeat of the new course this year on Clandestine Drug Labs. Also requested were repeats of Rope rescue, Basic SCBA, Extrication, Swift Water Rescue, and Basic EMT Refresher. If you have additional requests for next year, please contact Larry Jarvis at j Jarvis@alabamafirecollege.org.

Field Delivery of EMT Basic:

Volunteer fire department members are attending Alabama Fire College EMT Basic courses through field delivery in record numbers this year. Within the past several months, and due to the critical importance of this course, especially in rural areas, Executive Director Bill Langston returned the course fee to \$450 and lowered the minimum student level to 15. As a result there has been significant growth in the number of field deliveries being taught. At the time of this writing, April 27, seven EMT Basic courses are underway. Five of them are related to host departments with strong volunteer participation, including Good Hope FD, Ardmore FD, Dauphin Island FD, Friendship FD, and West Blount FD.

Another six EMT Basic courses were completed since the beginning of the current fiscal year, and three had strong volunteer fire department membership participation. Those host departments included Guntersville FD, Russellville FD, and Calera FD.

Volunteer Fire Fighter Certification Renewal Requirements:

This subject continues to be a problem for 160-hour certified volunteer fire fighters. The state law requiring recertification of volunteers every three years has been on the books for many, many years, but the Fire College hears from former students with expired certification on a weekly basis pleading that they didn't

know about the recertification requirement, or that their fire chief failed to submit the required training documentation for recertification.

We strongly urge someone from every department having volunteer fire fighters who are 160-hour certified to stay aware of the annual training documentation requirement, which must be turned in on time. After a 160-hour certification has expired for one year, the Fire

College is not allowed to accept the late documentation nor reinstate the expired certification without retraining. The certified individual's responsibility is clear. Keep up your annual 30 hours of training and turn the paperwork in to the Fire College every three years, or request to retake the certification test within the deadline. If you don't, your certification will expire. Remember: it's the law in Alabama!

Full information to help you stay aware of the recertification details, and to avoid preventable frustration, is available on the Fire College Certification web page at www.alabamafirecollege.org/rulestext.htm#volunteer%20recert. Here is the text for posting at every volunteer fire department:

Rules of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

360-X-1-.01 General Regulations and Administrative Procedures

5. Certification Expiration of Volunteer Fire Fighter.

- a. The volunteer fire fighter certification expires three (3) years from date of issue or one (1) year from the date the person leaves the fire service career.*

6. Re-certification Requirements of Volunteer Fire Fighter.

- a. During the final year of certification, i.e., the third year of the volunteer fire fighter credential, a fire fighter may be reexamined and recertified by the successful completion of both the practical and written examination. An alternative procedure is provided for certified volunteer fire fighter. During the third year of certification as a volunteer fire fighter, the fire chief and training officer will sign a statement attesting to the fact that the individual has participated in thirty (30) hours of recurring training annually and the individual may be recertified for another three-year period. The Commission nor its staff shall have any responsibility to issue notification of impending expiration.*

New Training Calendar Under Development:

The new training calendar for upcoming resident courses at the Alabama Fire College is getting ready for the printer. Look for more weekend courses intended for volunteers. As always our courses can also be taught in the field on a schedule convenient to volunteers. Contact Julie Coffman for more information about courses and policies related to field delivery.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Captain Ornell E. Fuller, Jr., Volunteer
Department: Midway VFD, Dexter NM
Date of Death: 1/2/05
Cause of Death: Found deceased of apparent heart attack at job site after failing to return home from work.

Name/Rank: Lt. Christopher DeWolf, Career
Department: Newington FD, Newington NH
Date of Death: 1/6/05
Cause of Death: Died when his POV rolled hitting a concrete sign pole while responding to a shift recall to cover station due to extreme weather conditions and emergency calls.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert Dewey Martin, Volunteer
Department: Bostic FD, Bostic NC
Date of Death: 1/9/05
Cause of Death: Died of heart complications after attending an EMT class involving strenuous activities.

Name/Rank: Firefighter James Fugate, Volunteer
Department: Collinsville FD, Collinsville OK
Date of Death: 1/11/05
Cause of Death: Died when he was ejected from his POV while responding to an alarm.

Name/Rank: Fire Equipment Operator Timmy Young, Career
Department: Columbia FD, Columbia SE
Date of Death: 1/20/05
Cause of Death: Became ill while investigating a residential medical call and died of massive cardiac arrest.

Name/Rank: Captain Scott Thornton, Career
Department: Summit Township FD, Jackson MI
Date of Death: 1/20/05
Cause of Death: Died when he reportedly became disoriented and trapped in upstairs room in heavy smoke conditions when his air supply ran out.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Walter Sarnoski, Volunteer
Department: Sabula FD, Sandy Township FD, Dubois PA
Date of Death: 1/20/05
Cause of Death: Died from injuries sustained in vehicle accident while responding to an alarm.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Richard T. Sciafani, Career
Department: Ladder 103, FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 1/23/05
Cause of Death: Becoming separated from colleagues in basement of burning building during search operations, he was found minutes later unconscious and in respiratory arrest, and died a short time later.

Name/Rank: Lt. Curtis W. Meyran, Career
Department: Battalion 26, FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 1/23/05
Cause of Death: Fatally injured battling a third alarm fire in a four-story apartment building.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John G. Bellew, Career
Department: Ladder 27, FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 1/23/05
Cause of Death: Fatally injured battling a third alarm fire in a four-story apartment building.

Name/Rank: Asst Chief Michael Falkouski, Career
Department: Rensselaer FD, Rensselaer NY
Date of Death: 1/23/05
Cause of Death: Died of apparent heart attack as he arrived at fire scene.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Donald Conner, Volunteer
Department: Brooken VFD, Stigler OK
Date of Death: 1/26/05
Cause of Death: Died from cause still to be determined while fighting a forest fire.

Name/Rank: Captain William Hudson, Career
Department: Salem FD, Salem MA
Date of Death: 2/3/05
Cause of Death: Died of complications of Hepatitis C contracted several years previously while on duty.

Name/Rank: Captain William Goodin, Volunteer
Department: Mt Victory FD, Somerset KY
Date of Death: 2/5/05
Cause of Death: Died when he fell and struck his head on the vehicle bumper after he said he was not feeling well upon returning from an EMS call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Todd Smith, Volunteer
Department: New Paltz FD, New Paltz NY
Date of Death: 2/6/05
Cause of Death: Died of Cardiac arrest inside the station while responding to a call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter William Pierce, Volunteer
Department: Ogdensburg FD, Ogdensburg NJ
Date of Death: 2/10/05
Cause of Death: Died of apparent heart attack while working a handline at a residential fire.

Name/Rank: Chief Engineer Angelo Petta, Volunteer
Department: Garfield FD, Garfield NJ
Date of Death: 2/12/05
Cause of Death: Collapsed and died of apparent heart attack while evacuating occupants from building due to gas leak.

Name/Rank: Staff Sgt/Firefighter Ray Rangel, Career
Department: Dyess AFB, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dyess AFB TX
Date of Death: 2/13/05
Cause of Death: Drowned while on assignment in Iraq as a firefighter while attempting, with another firefighter and medic, to save two soldiers trapped in a Humvee that had overturned in a canal.

Name/Rank: Captain Mark McCormack, Career
Department: Santa Clara County FD, Los Gatos CA
Date of Death: 2/13/05
Cause of Death: Died when he was struck by a fallen power line while working a residential structure fire.

Name/Rank: Lt Michael Lee Crawford, Career
Department: Carroll County Fire Rescue, Carrollton GA
Date of Death: 2/15/05
Cause of Death: Died of a heart attack when returning to fire station in squad truck.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael Mercurio, Volunteer
Department: Urbandale FD, Urbandale IA
Date of Death: 2/18/05
Cause of Death: Found dead in his bed after he failed to show up at work.

Name/Rank: Captain Grady Burke, Career
Department: Houston FD, Houston TX
Date of Death: 2/19/05
Cause of Death: Died when he became trapped when the roof collapsed while performing search and rescue efforts at a structure fire.

Name/Rank: Senior Forest Ranger Henry Hobbs, Career
Department: Florida Dept of Forestry, Bryceville FL
Date of Death: 2/21/05
Cause of Death: Collapsed and died at home of apparent heart attack after responding to two wildfires.

Name/Rank: Chief Lonnie Wayne Nicklas, Volunteer
Department: Shepherd VFD, Shepherd TX
Date of Death: 2/23/05
Cause of Death: Died of apparent heart attack after conducting and participating in training activities over several days.

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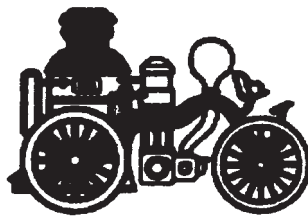
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THE BELL TOLLED

Tim E. Walker, Heath VFD, Covington County, was killed in an automobile accident February 3, 2005.

Bo Lambert, retired firefighter with Citronelle VFD, Mobile County, passed away February 23, 2005.

Chief Allen Wright, Hollywood VFD, Jackson County, died of an apparent heart attack while responding to the scene of a vehicle accident on March 21, 2005.

Steven Grace, Jr., Holtville-Slapout Fire & Rescue, Elmore County, was killed in an accident while riding his motorcycle when a vehicle crossed into his lane on March 26, 2005.

Asst. Chief Dariol Stockman, Dutton VFD, Jackson County, passed away from cancer on March 26, 2005. He was a charter member of the department formed in 1968.

Willie E. Harris, Akron VFD, Hale County, passed away of an apparent heart attack while working on equipment at the fire station on April 1, 2005.

William H. Poage, Pintlala VFD, Montgomery County, died of an apparent heart attack while working a vehicle accident on April 2, 2005.

Ray Gene Hulsey, Brilliant VFD, Marion County, died of a heart attack while responding to a fire call on April 26, 2005.

Louis Victor Baldwin, New Hope VFD, Randolph County, passed away May 21, 2005. He was a charter member of the department.

If any Volunteer Fire Department (member or not) has a firefighter die in the line of duty or as a result of a line of duty injury (examples: at the scene, going to or from the scene), notify ONE of the following IMMEDIATELY, no matter what day it is or what time of day or night. Johnny Dennis – (256) 766-4707 or Clayton Cobb, Sr. – (251) 578-2855 or John Wilson – (334) 569-3022 or Joey Boyd – (256) 233-1597.

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