



THE VOLUNTEER



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ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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2011 AAVFD Conference at the Grand Hotel District 8 Conference Co-Chair Ray Hogans

This year's AAVFD Conference has again come and gone with a great many new memories. This year's conference has a number of firsts, and a few records were set. We went head to head with the National in Atlanta and our AAVFD members were true to our organization and supported the 2011 conference in force. We had a record number of vendors and a great turnout from our department's statewide. We were able to provide a quality event for all and had a tremendous turnout for the event.

We in District 8 wish to thank each and every one individually, as well as departments and agencies, for their support and efforts to make this year's conference a great success. The accommodations and the events were extremely well planned and supported by all. The Fire Fighter competition was a great success thanks to all the teams that participated.

The Friday night cookout was very well planned and cooked to perfection thanks to our own Foley Volunteer Fire Fighters Association. This team did a fantastic job with the food and preparation for us all. This set a new bar for the Friday night cookout. Many thanks to VFIS and Sunbelt

Fire who supported this event for the Association.

The Banquet on Saturday was one of the best received meals we have had for quite some time. Thanks to all of you who had good comments about the quality of the food and the location of the event.



Last, but not least by any means, I wish to thank all the Departments in District Eight for their support in hosting this year's event. I especially wish to thank this year's Chairman, Mrs. Margie Bowden, for her efforts and dedication to this event. Thanks go to Chief Gib Hixon, President BCFCFA, and Chief Web Bush, President AAVFD District 8 Association, and Barnwell Chief Roy Glenn for the use of his Department for the Friday night cookout. I wish to thank everyone who served on the conference committee and thank you one and all for the support and commitment you have shown for the AAVFD and the success of this year's Conference.

If you were an attendee, thank you for your support, and we look forward to next year's event in Tuscaloosa. I know it will be a wonderful event; see you there next year!

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS President Chauncey D. Wood III



*Representative Richard Laird
Fire Caucus Co-Chair*



Roy Adamson, VFIS of Alabama



Roy Mott, RCFPI President

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Chauncey Wood



“Do everything without complaining.” Philippians 2:14

“Instead of Whining, Try Shinning!” We all have the capacity to turn a sunny day into a gripe session about having to wear sunscreen. ***Stop complaining*** and follow the admonition of Matthew 5:16, “You are the Light of the World”, and that means you should shine bright and not whine about your plight. ***Start encouraging*** each other. Back in the day, I remember my grandfather saying, “A pat on the back is only 18 inches removed from a kick in the pants, but the results are miles apart.” Bottom line: “Choose a grateful spirit and be blessed instead of a critical attitude that only repels and drains!”

As I am writing this, dog days have come and gone. It's still hot and humid, and it seems every little task takes more energy and effort and just thinking about moving causes you to sweat. I hope that you are keeping yourself well-hydrated just in case you have to respond to any emergency calls during this heat. Football, fall, and festivals are on top of us, not to mention cooler weather is just around the corner. If you are like me, you long for that more than anything else.

On September 11, 2001, the largest terrorist attack in American history killed nearly 3,000 people, including more than 400 firefighters, EMT/Paramedics and Police Officers. A coordinated assault of unimaginable scope and success, it forever changed the nature of public safety in the

United States. As we remember 9/11, let us not lose sight of God's care and compassion for us. We are His people and He cares deeply for us, more than we are able to grasp. There are 343 reasons “We Will Never Forget!”

They say getting there is one thing, staying there is another. The recession has kicked us all in the teeth, hitting many communities so hard that even **OUR** VFDs have come to the chopping block. As you know, funding at the local, state and federal level has been dramatically impacted by the current negative economic situation in our nation.

Today, it's not about getting, but about sustaining what we have. It's about keeping up the level of preparedness **OUR** communities expect and deserve, even as revenues dwindle and operations are stretched. This may ultimately prove the tougher task. Fiscal year 2013 will be more than problematic as the monies continue to dry up each year. Only we will put the right tools in the experienced hands of **OUR** RCFPI Fire Caucus Co-Chairs Representative Richard Laird and Senator Arthur Orr.

On a lighter note, the 2011 annual Conference at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear was “Outstanding” - truly one of **OUR** best! District 8 did a great job! Firefighter Competition events were fast and furious. The food was great. The weather was perfect. Vendor displays were excellent. Renewing fellowship with old friends, while meeting new, was just what the doctor ordered. **Thank you District 8. Great Job!**

In closing, I would like to personally say a heartfelt **“THANK YOU”** to all of you for re-electing me as President of **OUR** Association. It's indeed an honor and privilege to represent all 1,019 VFDs and over 35,000 volunteer firefighters. I will continue to work hard for **OUR** Association and serve you to the best of my ability. Call me if you need me - I'm at your service.

Until next time, may **“God continue to Bless OUR Association and You”**. **Stay Alert, Stay Safe, and Stay Alive!**

ELAINE DEARMON RECOGNIZED AT GENERAL MEETING President Chauncey D. Wood III



Elaine Dearmon demonstrates what we mean when we say someone is part of the “Grass Roots” of an organization. Her roots in the Alabama Fire Service go back to her hometown volunteer fire department of Semmes in Mobile County.

Her husband, N. L. “Rat” Dearmon, served as department chief for years. Elaine was always working by his side. She took care of many of the jobs necessary to running a volunteer fire department, as well as serving as an active firefighter. For years, whenever hurricanes came on shore, flooding occurred or any local disaster, Elaine was the per-

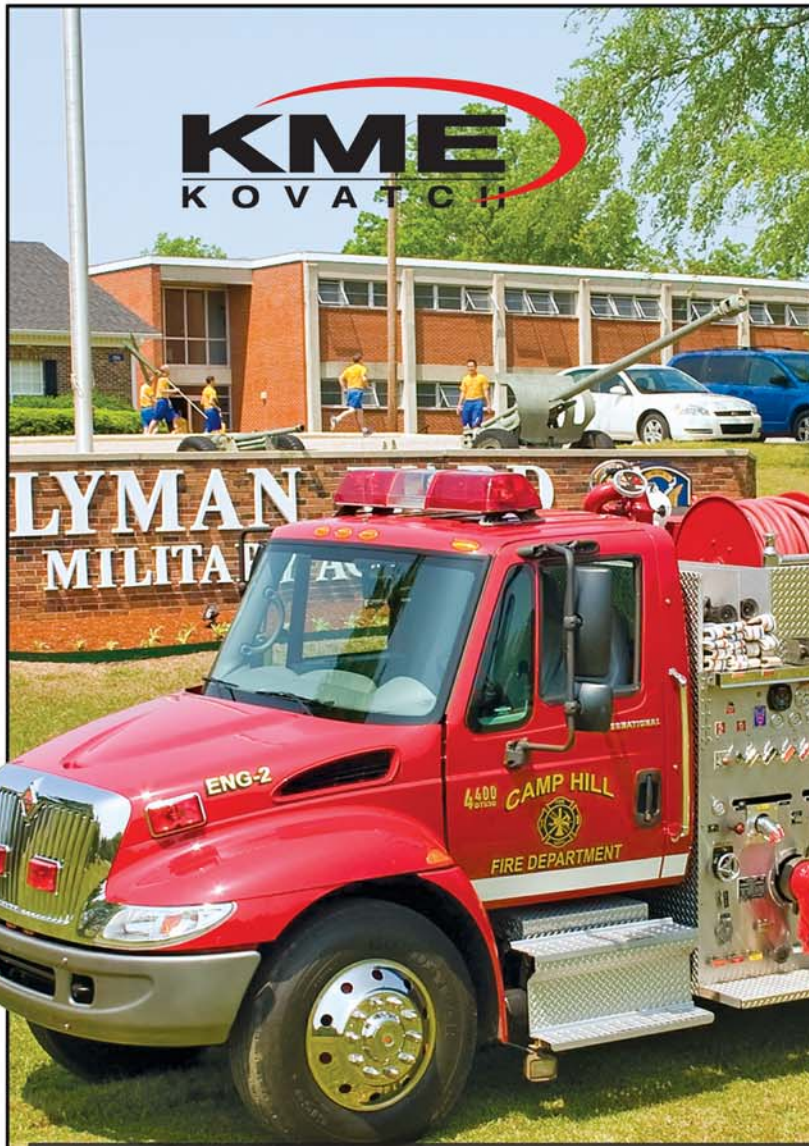
son that they called upon to take care of the safety of Semmes citizens.

Elaine served as conference chairman for many AAVFD conferences that were hosted by the Mobile County Fire Association. We remember many happy times during these conferences when we visited and laughed with old friends and made new friends.

Elaine served on the AAVFD Board of Directors for many years. She was always an active member of the board, and her opinion was respected. She also represented AAVFD on the RCFP Steering Committee. Elaine Dearmon is one of the many firefighters who worked in the early days to make AAVFD the organization that it is today.

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Camp Hill's Decision, NAFECO & KME



- ✓ International 4400
- ✓ Hale QFlo-125, 1250 GPM pump
- ✓ 1000 gallons UPF PolyIIE tank
- ✓ Honda 6kw portable generator
- ✓ Whelen halogen warning lights
- ✓ 3/16" aluminum body
- ✓ 26" deep body compartments
- ✓ Deck gun discharge
- ✓ Rear tank fill provision
- ✓ Rear dump provision

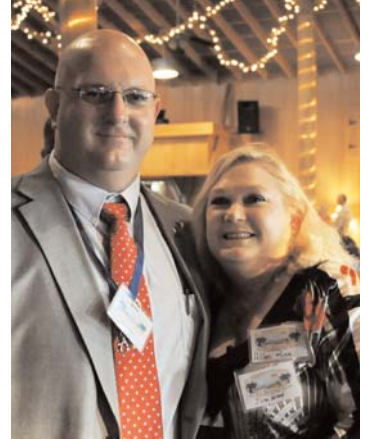
“When Camp Hill Fire Department was blessed with the opportunity to purchase our first new fire apparatus, we made the decision to purchase a KME pumper from NAFECO. We have never regretted that decision. John Wilson, Brandon Oaks, the late Gary Sherrill, all the Oaks family and support personnel are extremely knowledgeable and have been a pleasure to work with. Camp Hill Fire Department and Community are proud of our relationship with KME and NAFECO.”

*Fire Chief David Berry
Camp Hill Fire Department
Lyman Ward Military Academy, Alabama*



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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



AAVFD Honor Guard



*AL Fire Fighters Annuity & Benefit Commissioners
Roy Mott - Reid Vaughan - Director, Milton Parsons*

Annual Banquet

CONFERENCE CONTINUED



Food at the cookout was great!



The Grand Hotel was beautiful!



President Chauncey Wood



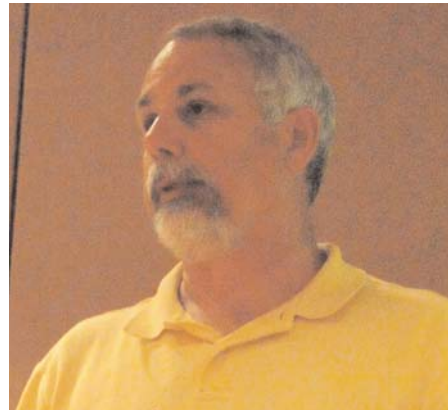
EMA Director Art Falkner speaks at general business session



Banquet Speaker Dr. Max Rogers



Gilbertown Chief David Dunn & Sparky



EMS/Trauma Director Dennis Blair



Rep. Richard Laird



Vendor Moonshine



Lisa & Janie visit Sunbelt Fire's Display

RCFP INSTITUTE PRESENTS "YOSEMITE SAM" AWARD TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL ED PAULK

By: Roy Mott, RCFPI President



Like the famous Lawman Yosemite Sam, he stands ready to defend and serve! Our "Marshal" is on the job in Alabama! At the annual Conference in Point Clear, State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk was honored by the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute (RCFPI) for his support of the volunteer fire service.

The mission of the agency he commands is to provide inspection services, to conduct investigations of fires and explosions, to prevent the commission of arson and related crimes, to protect lives and property from fire and explosions, and to provide visitors and citizens of the state a safe environment in which to live, work and play.

Marshal Paulk personifies these qualities to accomplish these tasks and also goes the extra mile to support RCFPI and AAVFD. Thank you, Ed, for your professional support and your personal friendship with Alabama's firefighters.



District 3 – Hale County

Hale County Association held its Awards Banquet on September 17, 2011. Retiring Secretary/Treasurer Luevenia Dedrick was recognized for 33 years of service. She was elected when the County Association was formed in 1978. Congratulations to "Firefighter of the Year" in each department: Akron - Gene Bibby; Friendship - Les Averette; Gallion - James Parkell; Greensboro - Scott Naylor; Lock 5 - Jane Pruitt; Moundville - Nick Wyatt; Newbern - Matthew Temple; Sawyerville - Wilbert Dedrick and Stewart-Havana - Columbus Jackson.



EMA Director Art Faulkner & Shana



Luevenia Dedrick & President Lee Abernathy



*AFC Executive Director Allen Rice
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2011 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

He is never idle, continuously on the move serving his community in some small or large method that only he would have dreamed of, from his dedication to Josephine Volunteer Fire Department to his active roll in Baldwin County.

Richard Hoffman was honored as 2011 Firefighter of the Year at the annual AAVFD Awards Banquet August 27th. Assistant Chief Hoffman was nominated by his department peers in recognition of his alliance and dedication to Josephine VFD, his community and the surrounding areas.

Richard has acquired the following credentials through the years: Volunteer Firefighter Certification, Alabama Certified EMT, EVOC Certified, EVOC Certified Instructor, Alabama Certified Vehicle Extrication, 40-Hr HazMat/HazWoper Certified, EMR Medical First Responder, CPR/AED Certified and others.

Through his 17 years as a firefighter, Richard continues to be involved with the development of the younger department members by encouraging them to train and become as qualified and experience as possible. He is quick to acknowledge those around him who have done well and support those who are learning. He always tells everyone

that **FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!**

Richard C. Hoffman III is extremely unselfish and always giving of himself to better his department and any organization he is involved with. His integrity is second to none, his willingness is unfaltering, and his dedication and honor is beyond reproach

Congratulations, Richard!



SHERRY GARNER MEMORIAL AWARD

She hit the ground running and has not stopped since the day she joined Appleton Volunteer Fire Department in Escambia County.

Helen Jackson was honored as the 2011 Female Firefighter of the Year when she received the Sherry Garner Memorial Award at the 34th Annual AAVFD Conference in Point Clear. This award is named for the first female firefighter in Alabama who died in the line of duty in 1981.

Helen's desire is making sure all responses are successful, and all equipment and manpower are prepared for the next call. She is always the last firefighter to leave after an incident making sure used equipment is replaced, hoses are cleaned and pumpers are filled.

To date in 2011, Helen has responded to 146 calls. Observing the need for training during these responses has given her incentive to complete 174 hours of training in the last twelve months, including CPR & AED, First Responder, Mobile Fire Suppression, Mass Casualty Incident Triage, Closed POD Training, 40-hour Certified Fire Inspector 1, Emergency Vehicle Operator and is currently attending the Certified 160-Volunteer Firefighter Course maintaining a 90 average.

There is so much more to operating a department than answering calls and training. Appleton VFD, like all other volunteer fire departments, has a business side that must be maintained in order to function on an efficient level. Helen has completed hose tests, hydrant tests, equipment invento-

ries, and equipment inspections.

Helen is a valuable asset during fund-raising events for the department, especially the last event. She was able to obtain a donation for most of the food helping Appleton VFD raise over \$1,500.

Helen Jackson is a dedicated individual who participates in everything it takes to serve her department and community and has gained the respect of many firefighters in the county, as well as Appleton firefighters.

Congratulations, Helen!



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The officers and directors were sworn in by State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk at the Awards Banquet on August 27th. Phone numbers and addresses for the Board members are posted on the AAVFD web site at www.aavfd.org, or you may call the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

REMEMBERING 9-11 IN FRISCO CITY

By: Daniel Day District 7 Director

Local firefighters, law enforcement, other first responders and citizens spent hours Sunday night commemorating those lost in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks 10 years ago in New York, Washington, D.C. and the fourth jet that crashed in Shanksville, Pa.

Local elected officials, including Frisco City Mayor Sue Starr and Probate Judge Greg Norris, and special guest Monroeville Police Chief Investigator Sgt. Omer West. AAVFD President Chauncey Wood and Chuck Murph representing Alabama Department of Homeland Security spoke on the heroism of the fallen at the 9/11 Memorial Service.

The American Legion/VFW Honor Guard presented the nation's colors and fired a 21- gun salute. Mrs. Susan Ward and Mr. Jason White provided music for the 9/11 Memorial Service. AAVFD Honor Guard Captain Hugh Harris tolled the bell for the 9-11 Heroes. Alabama Forestry Commission's Blaze the Arson Dog provided the K-9 Walk.

About 150 visitors across the state participated in the 9/11 Memorial Service Candlelight Vigil remembering all those

lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

"Where were YOU when the World Stopped turning!" We will not waver.....and we will not fail!



AAVFD Members: L-R

Honor Guard Commander Daniel Day, District 7 Alt Director Joey Moffett, Honor Guard Captain Hugh Harris, President Chauncey Wood, Life Member Charlie Dixon

2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year's AAVFD Scholarship winners were announced at the 34th annual Awards Banquet in Point Clear on August 27th. Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded by AAVFD, in partnership with VFIS of Alabama and Mr. Roy

Adamson. This year's recipients are Sarah Romaine Davidson and Devin Kristopher Alex Reynolds. The scholarships were presented by Treasurer Charles Jackson and President Chauncey Wood.



Devin Reynolds is a member of Winterboro Volunteer Fire and Rescue in Talladega County. He plans to attend the University of South Alabama and major in Physical Therapy.



Sarah Davidson is a member of McIntosh Volunteer Fire Department since September 2006. She is the Daughter of McIntosh Fire Chief Robbie and Shannon Davidson in Washington County. Sarah plans to attend Faulkner State Community College and major in Elementary Education.

ELAINE DEARMON RECOGNIZED AT GENERAL MEETING (continued from page 2)

As President, I am delighted that we had the opportunity to recognize her contributions to AAVFD during conference

this year. "Thank you Elaine for your years of service and your friendship."

2011 AAVFD Membership – Total 940

DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

| | | |
|----------|------|----------|
| CALHOUN | 60% | 6 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 | 37% | 11 of 30 |
| SHELBY | 50% | 9 of 18 |
| ST CLAIR | 80% | 16 of 20 |
| WALKER | 100% | 25 of 25 |
| WINSTON | 100% | 11 of 11 |

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

| | | |
|------------|------|----------|
| FAYETTE | 31% | 4 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 |
| SUMTER | 100% | 19 of 19 |
| TALLAPOOSA | 100% | 13 of 13 |

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

| | | |
|---------|------|----------|
| AUTAUGA | 100% | 10 of 10 |
| BIBB | 100% | 9 of 9 |
| CHILTON | 81% | 13 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 | 74% | 23 of 31 |
| CHOCTAW | 100% | 14 of 14 |
| CLARKE | 100% | 14 of 14 |
| MOBILE | 100% | 19 of 19 |
| WASHINGTON | 100% | 19 of 19 |

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

| | | |
|------------|------|----------|
| BULLOCK | 100% | 7 of 7 |
| ELMORE | 100% | 20 of 20 |
| LEE | 100% | 7 of 7 |
| LOWNDES | 25% | 2 of 8 |
| MACON | 20% | 2 of 10 |
| MONTGOMERY | 100% | 8 of 8 |
| RUSSELL | 100% | 11 of 11 |

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2001 Pierce Dash 75' Quint
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Onan 6KW Diesel Generator



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Allison Automatic Transmission
Waterous 1250 GPM Pump
400 Gallon Poly Tank



1995 E-One Hurricane 110' Aerial
Detroit 6V92TA Diesel Engine
Allison HT 740 Automatic
Piped Waterway
Fabco 8KW PTO-Driven Generator



1994 E-One Hurricane 95' Platform
Detroit 8V92 450 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Waterous 2000 GPM Pump
200 Gallon Poly Tank
Foam System



1991 E-One Hurricane 95' Platform
Detroit 6V92TA 300 HP Diesel
Allison MD3060 Automatic
Hale QSMG 1250 GPM Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank



1990 Grumman / HME 102' Platform
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Allison Automatic Transmission
Waterous 1500 GPM Pump
200 Gallon Poly Tank
Onan 7.5KW Generator



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Cummins ISC 330 HP Diesel
Allison 3000EVS Automatic
Onan 25KW PTO Generator
Willburt 9000W Light Tower



1996 Kenco / Int'l Medium-Duty Rescue
Navistar 175 HP Diesel Engine
Allison MT643 Automatic Transmission
PTO-Driven Generator
WillBurt Light Tower w/ 4-1500W Lights



1993 International Medium Rescue
Navistar Diesel, Allison Automatic
Waterous 300 GPM PTO-Driven Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank
Winco 25KW PTO-Driven Generator
Wilburt 6000W Light Tower



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 1000 Gallon Tank
 Dump Valve in Rear



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 Allison HD4060 Automatic
 Hale 1500 GPM Top-Mount Pump
 750 Gallon Poly Tank



1999 E-One Cyclone Rescue Pumper
 Cummins ISM 320 HP Diesel
 Allison MD3060 Automatic
 Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 500 Gallon Poly Tank



1998 Pierce Saber Custom Pumper
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 Allison MD3060 Automatic
 1250 GPM Waterous Top-Mount Pump
 1000 Gallon Poly Tank



1997 Darley / HME Rescue Pumper
 Cummins C8.3 325 HP Diesel
 Allison MD 3060 Automatic
 Darley 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 750 Gallon Poly Tank
 CAF System with 30-Gallon Foam Cell



1997 Southern Coach Pumper
 Cummins C8.3 325 HP Diesel
 Allison MD 3060 Automatic
 Hale 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 750 Gallon Poly Tank



1995 Spartan / Saulsbury Pumper
 Diesel Engine
 Automatic Transmission
 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 1000 Gallon Poly Tank



1993 Ferrara / Spartan Rescue Pumper
 Cummins 300 HP Diesel Engine
 Allison Automatic Transmission
 Hale 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 1000 Gallon Poly Tank
 Feecon Around-the-Pump Foam System



1993 E-One Custom Pumper
 Cummins 300 HP Diesel Engine
 Allison MD3060 Automatic
 Hale 1250 Side-Mount Pump
 Robwen on Board Foam System
 1000 Gallon Poly Tank



1992 Beck / Spartan Custom Pumper
 Cummins 8.3L Diesel Engine
 Allison Automatic Transmission
 Darley 1250 GPM Pump
 500 Gallon Tank



2009 Kenworth Commercial Pumper
 Diesel Engine, Allison Automatic
 Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 750 Gallon Poly Tank
 Foam Capable
 Pre-2010 Emissions



2001 E-One / GMC Commercial Pumper
 Cat 3126 246HP Diesel
 Allison MD3060 Automatic
 Hale 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump
 1000 Gallon Poly Tank



2000 Summit / International Pumper
 Diesel Engine, Automatic Transmission
 1250 GPM Pump
 1000 Gallon Poly Tank
 10" Newton Dump in Rear



1999 KME / International 4x4 Pumper
 International 250 HP Diesel
 Allison Automatic Transmission
 Hale 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
 500 Gallon Poly Tank
 3300 Watt Diesel Generator



1998 Ford/E-One Pumper
 Cummins 8.3L 250 HP Diesel Engine
 Allison Automatic Transmission
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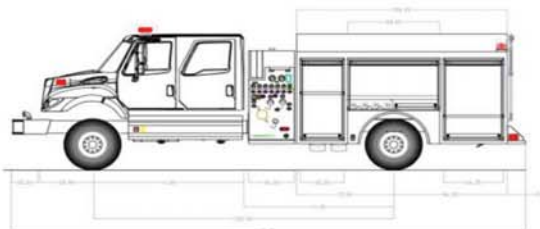


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LUVERNE SHELLING BUILDING BURNS

By: William Neal, 1st Vice President

A demolition project at Luverne Co-op Services led to one of the largest working fires in the past 30 years for the Luverne VFD. Thursday August 25th was a near 100 degree clear summer day. A demolition crew had demolished approximately one half of a 3.5 story 100 X 84 foot peanut shelling building. The original building was built in the 1940s. Most of the metal exterior walls had been removed. This left the heart pine structural wood and walls exposed. The original building was built with a sprinkler system. Workers were using cutting torches to cut the old metal sprinkler pipes.

Workers left for lunch and returned around 1:30 PM. The workers found a small fire and attempted to extinguish the fire with water and fire extinguishers. According to a witness, the fire got ugly real fast. The witness called the Luverne Police Dept at 1:45 PM. An employee of the Co-op called Crenshaw Central E-911. The employee reported the old shelling building was fully involved. LVFD responded within four minutes. The fire arriving LVFD officer immediately called for mutual aid. The Co-op is only 7 blocks due north of LVFD station. This writer was on the first engine out. Heavy smoke and fire was visible.

LVFD immediately went to a surround and drown attack. The radiant heat made approaching the fire nearly impossible. LVFD was fortunate that the City of Luverne Electric Dept had crews nearby and immediately cut the power to the grid. The photographs show that the fire had already extended to the utility poles beside the building. The structure collapsed approximately within ten minutes of the first



The building collapses into itself less than ten minutes after arrival of fire units. This collapse reduced some of the radiant heat.

units arriving.

LVFD received assistance from Rutledge, Glenwood, Fullers X Roads, and Brantley VFDs. A total of 24 fire fighters fought the fire in extreme heat conditions. A Luverne Rescue squad unit brought additional water supplies to the scene. Fire fighters were constantly monitored while fighting fire in the near 100 degree heat.

LVFD was successful in protecting exposures. Those exposures included a LP gas tank, two warehouses used to store fertilizers, two liquid feed tanks, and the actual Co-op store.



The scene when fire fighters arrived at Luverne Co-op. Power poles were already burning.



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District 4 – Cleburne County

By: Dan Hopkins 3rd Vice President

Hollis Fire Chief Dan Hopkins and Turkey Heaven Chief Patrick Nolen were recognized by the Cleburne County Commission upon their election as Vice President and District 4 Alternate Director respectively. The plaques stated that the commission “proudly acknowledges and commends the contributions these two have made in the service of volunteer firemen and departments across the State of Alabama.” Making the presentation were (l-r) Commissioners Emmett Owen, Joel Robinson, Chief Nolen, Rex Nolen, Chief Hopkins, Ryan Robertson and Benji Langley.



District 7 – Escambia County

By: Charles Jackson, AAVFD Treasurer



"Eight fire departments from Escambia County Alabama and Florida are recognized by the Escambia Board of Education for their decisive actions which contained a four alarm school fire to a single building. The adjacent buildings were undamaged."



L-R: Eric Gilmore (McDavid VFD Escambia County FL.), Robert Crenshaw (Brewton Fire Dept.), Sarah Fountain, Jerry Wayne Carnley (Pineview-Foshee VFD), Pollard McCall Principal Hugh White, Stan Stanton (Flomaton VFD) Tommy Wilkerson (Friendship VFD), Joey Hutchcraft (McCallVFD), and David Adams (Century Fire Dept. Escambia County FL.).

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Presidents Awards (Cont. from Front Cover)

President Chauncey D. Wood III

As President of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, I chose to recognize the 3 - R's (Roy, Roy & Richard) who have helped make AAVFD the organization that it has become by presenting the prestigious President's Award to Roy Adamson, Roy Mott and Richard Laird at the AAVFD Awards Banquet.

Roy Adamson was recognized for his support of the AAVFD Scholarship and Insurance Programs. He always stands "Ready, Willing, & Able" to help the Alabama Volunteer Fire Service.

Roy Mott was recognized as "Special Advisor" for his dedication, expertise, commitment and "Nothing is Impossible" attitude when championing the cause of making life better for Alabama's firefighter.

Representative Richard Laird was recognized for being a devoted friend and dedicated supporter of Alabama's Fire Service. The inscription "The ability to do the job, the integrity to do it as it should be done" describes the 33 years that Richard has devoted to representing the fire service in the Alabama Legislature.

These three men have stood firm and worked hard through the years to establish a quality organization, the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, to serve you and your needs. I have no doubt as I work with each of them as your President that they have the best interest of your department and AAVFD at heart as they work for you every day.

District 10 – Montgomery County

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11 - PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

By: Ladies Auxiliary President Debbie Green

The Pike Road Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary, along with area citizens, gathered for a ceremony to remember our nation's fallen firefighters/first responders on Sunday, September 11, 2011 beginning at 3:00p.m. This day is set aside each year to remember those who died on this horrific day.

The ceremony paid tribute to the 343 fallen firefighters and others who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the tragic events that took place in Pennsylvania, New York and Washington DC. Our tribute honored each firefighter and offered condolences to each of the families and survivors touched by this tragic day.

During the ceremony, we recalled how ordinary citizens living ordinary lives reacted with extraordinary heroism and without warning when America was attacked. We saw firefighters choose duty in the face of death - we saw firefighters help people out of buildings that were collapsing around them - firefighters choose self-sacrifice for duty - firefighters gave their lives trying to save others. Each of us felt the impact of the incidents of September 11th.

As the Pike Road Fire Department and the Ladies Auxiliary remembered the events from ten years ago - let all of us remember those lost but join in recognizing those who sacrifice their life each day for the citizens of Pike Road and across Alabama. A patriotic "ride in" by the Harley Owners Group of Montgomery and the Buffalo Riders began the event. Mark Wilder served as Master of Ceremony; the Montgomery County Honor Guard presented the colors along with the ringing of the bell ceremony. Keynote speaker was Representative Greg Wren. Other speakers include Pike Road Fire Chief Mike Green, Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone and Dennis Eddy, retired New York Federal Police Officer. The National Anthem was performed by

Vaughn Stafford, Pastor of Worship Design at St. James UMC. Bagpipes were played by bag piper Charles Hightower. A balloon release followed the ceremony. Pike Road Fire Department's newest apparatus, an E-One ladder truck, was on display.



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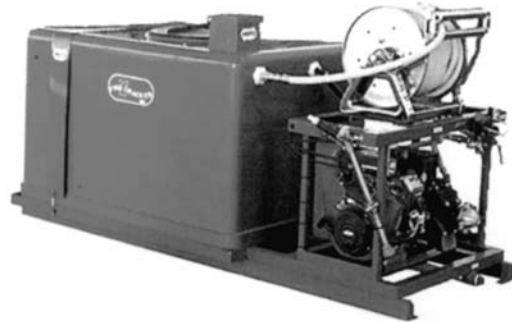
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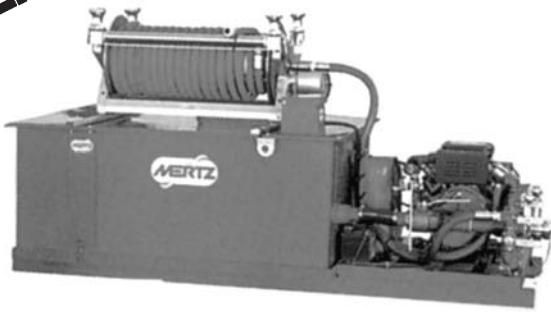
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Charles Ebert, Foley FD, Baldwin County, passed away December 10, 2010. He was a volunteer with Foley FD for over 30 years.

Assistant Chief Delbert Mauldin, Elsanor VFD, Baldwin County, passed away July 10, 2011.

Mary Jane Calhoun, Pinedale VFD, St Clair County, passed away July 11, 2011 after a battle with cancer.

Larry Chapman, Abernant VFD, Tuscaloosa County, passed away July 14, 2011 after a battle with cancer.

Norman Moon, Crane Hill VFD, Cullman County, passed away August 6, 2011. Norman was founding member of his department and will be missed by his family, friends and fellow firefighters.

John B. Cox, Attalla FD, Etowah County, passed away August 8, 2011 following a battle with cancer.

Asst Chief Doug Parris, Quad Cities VFD, Calhoun County, passed away August 9, 2011.

Jordan Richards, Highland VFD, Etowah County, passed away August 21, 2011.

Ollie B. Osmer, Killingsworth Cove VFD, Madison County, passed away September 5, 2011. He was a founding member and past chief of the department, working closely with his close friend, Representative Albert Hall, as an adviser on fire service issues, especially the passage of a 3 mil tax for Madison County fire departments.

Captain Glyn Trotman, Marengo County Fire & Rescue, Marengo County, and Foley FD, Baldwin County, died in a wreck in Tennessee on September 10, 2011.

Joshua James Adams, Oak Grove-Thach VFD, Limestone County, died in a car wreck on September 17, 2011.

Ray Smith, Jefferson VFD & Marengo Co Fire/Rescue, Marengo County, passed away September 17, 2011.

Donnie Roberts, Walnut Grove VFD, Etowah County, passed away September 20, 2011.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to South Marengo Fire & Rescue Chief James Gates whose mother, Lena Mae Gates, passed away suddenly at her home in Sweet Water (Marengo Co) on July 20, 2011.

Condolences go to AAVFD Honor Guard Commander Daniel Day, whose grandmother, Virginia Harrison, passed away August 8, 2011.

If any Volunteer Fire Department (member or not) has a firefighter die in the line of duty or as a result of a line of duty injury (examples: at the scene, going to or from the scene), notify ONE of the following IMMEDIATELY, no matter what day it is or what time of day or night: Chauncey Wood – (334) 403-0301, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, Derrick Gatlin (256) 230-3526 or Dan Hopkins (256) 225-7230.

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