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2013 AAVD CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 2-3, 2013, at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and will be hosted by District III Firefighters Association. The Registration Headquarters will be at the Alabama Fire College.

ELECTIONS

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

President:	William Neal (I) Mike Green
Vice President	
South:	Wess Etheredge (I) Charles Jackson Willie Bryant
Central:	Dan Hopkins (I) Steve Dennis
North:	Derrick Gatlin (I) Jimmy Looney
Secretary:	Mary Sells (I)
Treasurer:	Joe Golden (I) Anthony Wilkerson



The candidates who submitted their fire service biography are profiled elsewhere in this issue. Only the candidate who provided this information is profiled. Roy Mott declined the nomination for president due to other obligations that require his time and attention.

Nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are permitted by the AAVFD by-laws. All candidates, except those presented by the nominating committee, must be present at the annual business meeting. All six officers are elected by majority vote of the members in attendance and those members represented by proxy.

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

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S

DESK BY

W.A. Neal

Dear Fellow Fighters and Friends,

I first of all wish to extend sympathy and condolences to the families of the two volunteer fire fighters who died in the line of duty. Oak Grove VFD Fire Fighter Dale Scott Queen died April 24th. One week later Springfield VFD Asst. Chief Stanley Martin died May 6th. Both VFDs are AAVFD members. The beneficiaries of both Fire Fighters were paid \$500.00 from the AAVFD Relief Fund. I want to personally thank VP Derrick Gatlin and District Three Director Billy Doss for immediately following up with assisting these VFDs and their families. A special thanks to Dr. Allan Rice for having a staff fully prepared to go and assist in getting the necessary Line of Duty Benefits packages started.

AAVFD also lost Lifetime member Vernon Maroney. Mr. Maroney lived in Madison County. He served the AAVFD for many years. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family. He will be missed.

It is hard to imagine a year has gone by since I was elected President. The road I have traveled as President has not been an easy one. I want to thank several people who have been priceless in their work in assisting me in the monumental challenge I faced when I took office. The gigantic challenge was first to get a handle on a very terrible financial situation. After serving the past 10 months I have learned a lot. This Association was very close to financial destruction when I took office. The AAVFD owes a debt of gratitude to former Treasurer Charles Jackson. Charles tried to put the brakes on a runaway spending train three years ago. When Charles was replaced by Joe Golden in November, we got another excellent treasurer in place. I had to be in constant contact with both of these men to get the financial side of this Association going in the right direction.

Since I started with no training, I had to learn as I went along. I got priceless advice from Roy and Sandy Mott. Both former Executive Assistant Whitney McLelland and Corey Carr kept me advised. I was amazed at the paperwork load in the office. VP Derrick Gatlin was priceless in handling requests in the Northern part of the State. I also wish to thank the AAVFD Board of Directors. I promised to keep the Board involved in the decision making process. Regular board meetings were held in October, January, and April. I want to thank AAVFD District 10 Alt. Director John Wilson and the Elmore County Association of VFDs for the use of their training facility. NAFECO provided a free meal and the use of the facility was of no charge to the AAVFD.

I worked with Charles Jackson and Joe Golden to get an idea where our money was going and how to put sound financial management back in the AAVFD. The newsletter "The Volunteer" is published quarterly. When printing costs and mailing costs were calculated, then revenue from the vendor ad sales were subtracted, the newsletter was costing AAVFD's General Fund approximately \$4,000 an issue. That meant a \$16,000 expenditure from the General Fund every year just to get the four issues out. AAVFD dropped from 6000 to 5500 issues ordered. The mailing list was updated but the cost only dropped a small amount. After discussion through two Board meetings, a recommendation was made to switch publishers. The Board made the decision to change magazine publishers. I wish again to thank Sandra and Roy Mott. She agreed to be the Editor of the newsletter. She will do this from her home in Thomasville. The change was part of an overall plan to reduce General Fund expenditures.

The second area of General Fund expenditures that I had to deal with involved Presidential travel expense. Leadership starts at the top. A leader must lead by example, not be a follower or excuse maker. The previous President's travel expense for 47 months totaled \$69,321.47. This meant AAVFD paid out on average \$17,330.31 every year or \$1,474.92 every month. The only expense accounts ever checked were from March thru July of 2012. Several errors were found in those last reports. I immediately chose to change this. I submitted each of my expense accounts to VP Derrick Gatlin for approval. I verified my mileages with Mapquest.com. I attached meal tickets. I missed only one Joint Fire council meeting (due to surgery). I delegated the northern portion of the state

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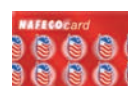
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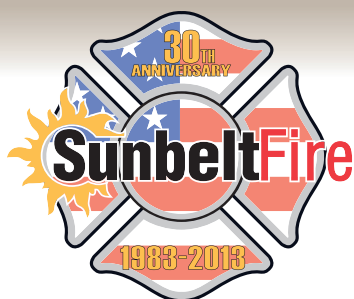
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for Derrick Gatlin to handle. It was senseless mile round trip, when a AAVFD Vice President

lived in the central area of the Tennessee Valley. During the ten months I have been in office, my expense accounts totaled \$3,542.29. This averages out to \$354.22 per month. I have been in the office at least one full day each week. This resulted in a 76% reduction in President's travel expenses. This means a \$13,000 savings for the General Fund. The General Fund appears to be in good shape at this time.

AAVFD is one of nine charities receiving funds from Winners Bingo in Montgomery. All charities must pay rent, paper, and runners (labor) expense costs off the top. The profits for each session is totaled and each charity gets an equal amount at the end of the month. This is referred to as net profit share. AAVFD's net profit share in 2011 was \$29,645.31. During 2012 AAVFD net share was \$31,158.71. Since 2005, the Bingo Fund is where the salaries for our office employees are paid. When I took office AAVFD was over three months behind in paying their expenses. This was because AAVFD was spending more money than was coming in. I reported to the Board in October former AAVFD VP and Winners Manager Gene Flournoy wanted AAVFD to get their financial house in order. I started to do this immediately. I did not know that Winners was operating with an erroneous balance in their computer. By December the account was overdrawn. The Board voted at the January meeting to transfer funds over to the Bingo Account to cover payroll. Joe Golden and I met with the Bingo Management and found this error. Bank statements for the year 2012 were given to Winners Bingo and the account brought up to date. I studied this account and the expenditures. I learned AAVFD had committed to pay more salaries out then the incomes this account generated. This was an excellent example of poor financial planning. I reported this to the Board in detail at the April 20th meeting.

Then the first financial bomb dropped. The income taxes for our employees had not been reported or recorded properly. Corey Carr caught this on his W2 form. This resulted in AAVFD having to transfer funds to cover taxes for both Corey and Whitney. A week later, I learned Sandy Mott's W2 was also incorrect. Sandy's was caused by being paid with cashiers checks in the amount of her take home pay. AAVFD paid the taxes through immediate bank drafts. These drafts included interest and penalties. Joe Golden and I spent an entire day going from Winners Bingo, to CPA's Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, and Regions Bank. Safeguards and checks and balances were put in place so this never happens again. Thank goodness for Joe Golden's and Charles Jackson's knowledge of tax laws. I then did something that has never happened before since I was on the Board. I picked up the telephone and immediately notified as many Board members as I could contact. I felt something this serious required the Board to be notified.

The second financial bomb was dropped at the end of February. Winners Bingo became a casualty of the ongoing legal, political battle in Montgomery. Winners was ordered to remove all electronic devices. This included the small tablet size screens used to give numbers out so customers could mark paper cards.

Winners Bingo funds dropped like a rock I reported to the Board in April the loss was about 45%. I have since added April and May. This drop is now near 58%. If this continues AAVFD is looking at a loss of \$18,000 for the calendar year 2013. Furthermore, I advised the Board Gene Flournoy did not renew our contract for 2013. He is waiting to see if AAVFD gets our financial house in order during 2013. We are still receiving funds at this time. We do not need to loose this revenue source.

Because of this drop in revenue from Winners Bingo, Joe Golden and I recommended to the Board, AAVFD not fill Whitney McClelland's full time position. We simply do not have the funds to pay a full time person. This president with a little help from Corey Carr will try to keep the office running until the Annual Conference. I check the answering machine and emails on a daily basis. I still go to the office at least once a week. The Board authorized me to hire part time help. All membership certificates have been mailed out to members who have paid their dues. All insurance certificates paid prior to May 1st have also been mailed out. The certificates work was done with part time help.

I can proudly say as of 06-24-2013, to the best of my knowledge AAVFD's financial house is in order. This President is not a politician, but just a fire fighter who keeps his word. I rebuilt working relations with the Ala Forestry Commission's Steering Committee. I chose to be a team player with the Joint Fire Council and support legislation for the entire fire service. I took the Board out of the closet and kept them fully informed for the past year. I followed the bylaws and let the Treasurer handle all monies. I did not try to be a President-Treasurer. AAVFD is at a cross roads. We will probably have to operate the coming year with part time employees. Do you want a President and officers who cleaned up the mess I have just described, or do you wish to return the politics of the past. This is your Association, you must make this decision when you vote to elect officers in August. **I promised to serve with honesty and integrity, this I have done.** Thanks for your support.

Yours truly

William A. Neal, President AAVFD 2012-13

BURN TRAILER BRINGS HANDS-ON TRAINING

[District 4-Randolph County] **TO LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS**

Ninety-seven firefighters from volunteer fire departments across Randolph County trained in the Alabama Fire College's burn trailer last week. The training was sponsored by Randolph County Fire Association, and the burn trailer was parked at Rock Stand Volunteer Fire Department.

Two instructors and the regional coordinator all came from Heflin. The Fire College itself is in Tuscaloosa. The firefighters practiced search and rescue with smoke and experienced a live flashover effect. They each received a certificate from the fire college, and their departments will get credit for their ISO ratings.

David Treadwell of Rock Stand VFD said, "It gets new firefighters into a burning situation that's controlled. They can shut it down if something goes wrong." But there were no problems all week long. Blossman Gas of Wedowee donated the propane for the exercise.



County firefighters head through the smoke to the fire inside the Alabama Fire College's burn trailer.

[by Ricky Sledge]

FLORIDA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WEEKEND

Registration opens June 1st for the 8th Annual Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend to be held September 18 - 22, 2013 on the campus of Northwest Florida State College in Niceville, Florida. Over 15 New Classes are being offered this year for a total of 30 classes.

For a minimal out-of-state registration fee of \$20, you can take as many classes you would like, and we will feed you lunch on Saturday and Sunday, along with a banquet on Saturday night catered by Carrabbas Italian Grill.

Scholarships are available for a 2-day Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Workshop. The scholarship will pay for mileage (POV use), lodging, and meals.

For a complete listing of courses, course descriptions, location and lodging information and scholarship information, visit us at www.nwflvolunteerffweekend.com.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2013 annual Conference will be hosted by District Three Association at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on August 2-3, 2013.

Registration will be \$25.00 per person. Your registration must be submitted by July 20 in order to take advantage of this price. Registration after this date will be \$30.00 per person. A special Competition Team rate of \$15 per person for up to 10 team members, including coaches, is being offered for the first time.

All activities, registration, vendor displays, Friday night cook-out and Saturday Competition will be held at the Alabama Fire College. Due to seating requirements, the Friday 4:00 pm Board of Directors meeting will be held at Bobby Miller Activity Center and the Saturday 2:00 pm General Meeting will be held at Hillcrest High School.

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

Motel information: (Ask for firefighter rate when making reservation)

Host Motel:	Ramada Inn	205-759-4431	\$59.00
	631 Skyland Blvd E		
Additional:	Baymont Inn & Suites	205-345-5018	\$55.00
	5021 Oscar Baxter Rd		
	Country Inn & Suites	205-345-9999	\$65.00
	4801 McFarland Blvd E		
	Courtyard Marriott	205-750-8384	\$109.00
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DISTRICT 6 – DALE COUNTY

Gerald & Faye Casey have filled important roles in the Ewell VFD (Dale County) since its organization in 1993. Upon their recent retirement, this service was honored when they were presented plaques by the department. Mr. & Mrs. Casey stand ready to volunteer any time they are needed. L-R: Asst Chief Adam Bruhn, Fireman Mike Riley, Mr. Casey, President Brad Loyal, Chief Jason Thomas, Mrs. Casey Firemedic Dempsey Vick.



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 2, 2013

9:00 am - 5:00 pmRegistration at the Alabama Fire College
Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on your own
Noon - 5:00 pmVendors at Alabama Fire College
4:00 pm - 5:30 pmBoard of Directors Meeting
Bobby Miller Activity Center
6:00 pmCookout at Alabama Fire College
(Bring your name tag)

Saturday, August 3, 2013

7:00 am - 8:00 amCompetition Registration
Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - 8:30 amCompetition Captains Meeting
Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - until.....Registration at the Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - 10:00 amChildren's Fishing Competition
Alabama Fire College
8:30 am - Noon.....Competition at Alabama Fire College
Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on your own
2:00 pm - 5:30 pmAnnual Business Meeting
Hillcrest High School
7:00 pm - 9:00 pmAwards Banquet at Bobby Miller Center
(Bring your name tag)

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Detroit Series 60, Allison EVS4500P
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300 Gallon Poly Tank
Harrison 10KW Hydraulic Generator



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10KW Hydraulic PTO Generator



1998 KME Aerial Cat 75' Quint
500 HP Diesel, Allison HD4066
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500 Gallon Water Tank
9KW PTO-Driven Generator
Mileage: 38,392



1997 E-One Hurricane 50' Teleboom
Detroit Diesel, Allison Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Combination Monitor at Tip
Hydraulic Ladder Rack



1996 3D / Spartan 100' SkyArm Platform
Nova Quintech Articulating Aerial
Detroit Series 60, Allison HD4060
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300 Gallon Poly Tank
AMPS 25KW Generator



1989 E-One Hurricane 95' Platform
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Onan 6KW Diesel Generator



2006 EVI / Ford F-550 Light Rescue
International 6.0 Diesel Engine
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2 - 12 Volt 500 Watt Scene Lights
Whelen LED Lightbar
Brush Guard with Winch



1999 3D / Int'l 4x4 Interface Pumper
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250 HP Diesel Pump Engine
750 Gallon Poly Tank



1999 Becker / Freightliner Midi-Pumper
Detroit Series 50 320 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060 Automatic
Waterous CPK-2 300 GPM Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank



2010 Crimson / Spartan Pumper Tanker
Cummins ISL 425 HP, Allison EVS3000
Waterous 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump
2500 Gallon Poly Tank
3000 Gallon Fold-da-Tank
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2006 Sutphen Rescue Pumper w/ CAFS
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500 Gallon Poly Tank
Harrison 15 KW Hydraulic Generator



2003 Pierce Dash Rescue Pumper
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Waterous 1500 GPM Top-Mount Pump
500 Gallon Tank, 2 - Foam Cells
FoamPro A and B Foam System
Light Tower, 10KW Generator



2001 Pierce Saber Rescue Pumper
Detroit Series 40 Diesel Engine
Allison MD3060 Automatic
Waterous CSU 1500 GPM Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
AMPS 6 KW Hydraulic Generator



2001 Pierce Dash Rescue Pumper
Detroit Series 60, Allison Automatic
2000 GPM Side-Mount Pump
730 Gallon Tank
Foam System w/70 Gallon Cell
10KW Hydraulic Generator



2000 Central States Rescue Pumper
Cummins ISM, Allison MD3066
Hale DSD 1500 Side-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Class B ATP Foam System
FoamPro 1600 Class A Foam System



1998 E-One Custom Pumper
Diesel, Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Mileage: 58,000



1998 HME Rescue Pumper
Detroit Series 40 Diesel
Allison WTEC1111 Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Pump w/Enclosed Panel
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Onan Generator



1997 Luverne / Spartan Rescue Pumper
Cummins 330 HP, Allison Automatic
Hale 1750 GPM Pump
Enclosed Pump Panel
1000 Gallon Water Tank
AMPS 6KW Hydraulic Generator



1997 E-One Cyclone Custom Pumper
Cummins 300 HP Diesel Engine
Allison Automatic Transmission
Hale 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



1997 KME Renegade Custom Pumper
Detroit Series 60 400 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060 Automatic
Waterous 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump
500 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



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Waterous CMU 1750 GPM Pump
750 Gallon Steel Tank
Onan 3 KW Diesel Generator



2008 Kenworth Rescue Pumper
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950 Gallon Poly Tank
Feecon Foam System



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Hale QFLO 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump
1000 Gallon Poly Tank
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1997 Central States / FL Pumper
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Allison MD3060 Automatic
Hale 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank



1997 Pierce / FL Rescue Pumper
Cummins 300 HP, Allison MD3060
Waterous CS 1250 GPM Side-Mount Pump
500 Gallon Poly Tank
10KW Generator, 3000W Light Tower
12,000# Winch in Front Bumper



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20 Gallon Foam Tank
Winch on Front Bumper



1994 Southern Coach / FL Pumper
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Darley 1000 GPM Front-Mount Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank
Gas Generator, LED Lightbar



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1000 Gallon Poly Tank

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FROM HERE & THERE

Magnolia Springs Chief Jamie Hinton (Baldwin County) is leading a fundraising effort to aid the families of the nine Texas firefighters who were killed in the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. Chief Hinton organized a boot drive that raised over \$2,700 in just four hours. Jesse's, a local Restaurant, added almost \$500, and he is contacting other businesses seeking further support. Five of the dead firefighters served with the West volunteer force, while eleven of their firefighters were hospitalized with injuries. West VFD has only 33 members. "There's so much stuff that needs to happen," Hinton said. "We want this money to go to help the firefighters and their families in any way that's needed." Anyone interested in donating may call Chief Jamie Hinton at 251-923-8500.

Surginer VFD, Marengo County, held a BBQ fundraiser May 4th. Thomasville Firefighter Charlie Dixon was honored by Thomasville Middle School 5th-Graders as a "Super Citizen" for his work with fire prevention education. The program, sponsored by Alabama Power Company, is part of the Next Great Americans project, organized by the Liberty Learning Foundation. He was presented with a small replica of the Statue of Liberty containing an original piece of the actual statue.

Empire VFD, Walker County, hosted a Gospel Singing on June 15th. The department appreciates the support of their community.

A renovated Hummer received from the Sheriff's Department has been equipped with a new water tank and additional firefighting equipment by Grove Hill VFD, Clarke County, for use as their new brush truck.

Opine-Tallahatta Springs VFD, Clarke County, hosted its seventh annual fundraiser May 18th.

AAVFD Board of Directors would like to thank the Elmore County Association for the use of their county facility for the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. We also appreciate the delicious lunches provided to us by NAFECO and served by County President John Wilson and his assistants.

Remember.....If you haven't provided your fire department patch for the AAVFD office "Wall of Patches", this would be the perfect time to bring one with you to conference and take it by the AAVFD sales table.

2013 CONFERENCE COMPETITION EVENTS

Competition Chairman Joey Boyd

Get ready to compete! The events are **Obstacle Course, Hose Lay I and Water on the Roof**. See you at the Fire College August 3rd!

Candidate for President **MIKE GREEN**



Prior to sharing my background, I would like to address the reasons for my decision in running for President of the AAVFD. Seeking change and progress for the AAVFD is of utmost concern. As most of you are aware, we as an Association have had a very “rough” year whereas our leadership is concerned. It is believed we are divided along lines that are PERSONAL and conflict with the mission and reason for our existence, which is to help improve the Fire Service for ALL firefighters in this State. The Fire Service is a Brotherhood that bonds total strangers with one common goal: To Help Others! If everyone works together and is one voice in this State, there is no end to what we can accomplish. If allowed to serve as President, my primary goal is UNITY in our Association. In my opinion, this is imperative to our existence. There are many other areas in which we can improve our Association but without unity they will be impossible. Regardless of the outcome of this year’s elections, I am available by phone should anyone need assistance. After all, that is what Brotherhood is all about!

My career started in the Fire and EMS field at the age of 16 by volunteering with the Butler County Rescue Squad located in Greenville, Al. By the time I turned 18; I had completed my Paramedic training at night and received a State license. Upon completing High School, I relocated to Montgomery and began employment with City Ambulance while awaiting a call for employment with the Montgomery Fire Department (MFD). My career with the MFD began in 1983 as a firefighter. During my tenure, I served in the capacity of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, district chief and assistant fire Chief. These positions carried many responsibilities from fire/EMS training, supervision, budgets, apparatus specs and purchasing, building and vehicle maintenance, etc. In April of 2007, I retired as an Assistant Fire Chief with the Montgomery Fire Department with a career span of 25 years of service.

Retirement was short term as shortly afterwards I began a second career as Fire Chief for the Pike Road VFD in east Montgomery County. I have served in this position for over 10 years and have been a member of the department for 17 years. The PRVFD has 52 dedicated men and women on our roster and I am privileged to serve with a fine group of individuals. During my tenure, we have redefined the scope of fire protection and life safety services by launching many new response programs and adding various up-to-date apparatus, tools and equipment. One of the PRVFD’s most significant accomplishments has been the Department’s response to the tremendous growth of our Town and the result to provide additional Departmental resources. During my tenure, we have added four fire stations giving us a total of six fire stations and significant personnel and equipment. The addition of these fire stations not only provide the Town and community with excellent fire protection and life safety services, but also provide a higher level of services to the community and surrounding area. In addition, we have added a ladies auxiliary and CERT to our Department.

As a leader with a strong vision, I believe in hands-on management, skillful decision-making and the prudent use of financial resources and assets. I encourage and challenge our Department to strive daily to improve in our operational and firefighting skills. We operate at a high level of personal integrity, teamwork, caring and commitment to our community in which we serve. I strive to contribute personal and organizational leadership to the fire service. Currently, I am serving as President of the Montgomery County Assn. of VFD’s and held this position for two terms. In addition, I am the present AAVFD District 10 Director and Legislative chairman the AAVFD. As you can see, my career and life has revolved around the Fire/EMS service. After being involved for over 33 years, I continue to love what I am doing and plan on being around for years to come. If elected, I will serve all departments to the best of my ability.

Candidate for North Vice President

DERRICK GATLIN

Member of Tanner VFD since 1990

Past Secretary/ Treasurer

Asst Chief Tanner VFD 1992-1993

Past Chief Tanner VFD 1993-2000

Captain Tanner VFD 2000-Present

Vice President Tanner VFD 2005-2009

President Tanner VFD 2009-Present



Limestone County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments

President LCAVFD 2000-Present

RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION INSTITUTE

RCFPI Board Member 2004-Present

RCFPI Treasurer 2008-Present

Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments

Board of Directors District 9 Representative

North Region Vice President 2010-Present

Candidate for South Vice President

CHARLES JACKSON

Positions Held since entering the Alabama Fire Service in 1968 as a Volunteer Fireman with Brewton Municipal Fire Department.

State: Served 2+ terms as the AAVFD Treasurer
(Aug. 2010 thru Oct. 2012)

Currently serves on the Alabama Forestry Steering Committee

Currently assigned to the Alabama Homeland Security

Incident Management Team (Southern District)



Escambia County: Has served 30 years as the Escambia County Fire Association Treasurer.
[1983 - Present]

Home Fire Department: Presently serving 4th term as McCall Fire Chief; Founding Officer of McCall Volunteer Fire Department with 30 years continuous service.

Qualifications:

Firefighter-2 Certification, AFC Fire Instructor-1, presently enrolled in the AFC Fire Officer-1 Course; Hazmat A/O Certification.

Candidate for Treasurer

JOE GOLDEN



My name is Joe Golden and I am a candidate for the office of Treasurer for AAVFD. My wife and I have two daughters, Tara Goggins and Cari Golden. Tara is a Meteorologist with the National Weather Service at the Shelby County Airport office. Cari is a math teacher at West Point High School. My wife is a book keeper for the Cullman County Board of Education at Parkside Elementary School.

I worked for Nicholson File in Cullman, Alabama for over 34 years in accounting. The last 12 years I held the Executive Staff Controller position. I was responsible for all accounting activities at the Nicholson File Plant. The company closed its US operations and moved to Mexico, Colombia and Brazil in late 2011. I am currently retired.

I have previously held the positions of Alternate Director, and Director for District 2 until elected as your Treasurer last September. I am currently the chief of the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Dept, Inc., Co-Commander of the Cullman County Haz Mat Team, and President of the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. I hold several certifications through the Alabama Fire College.

I would appreciate your continued support for the office of Treasurer.

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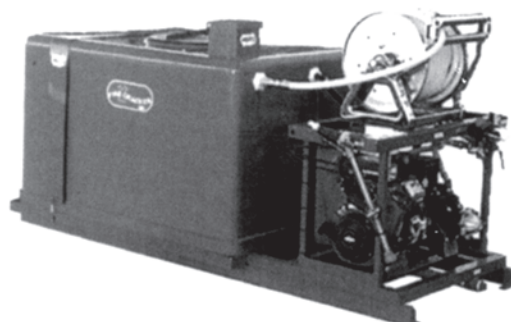
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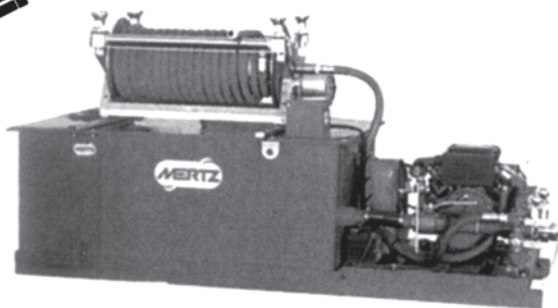
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DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN	4 of 10
CHEROKEE	13 of 13
DEKALB	25 of 25
ETOWAH	23 of 23
JACKSON	21 of 22
MADISON	17 of 17
MARSHALL	18 of 18

DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	21 of 21
CULLMAN	26 of 26
JEFFERSON	16 of 30
SHELBY	7 of 18
ST CLAIR	9 of 20
WALKER	25 of 25
WINSTON	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE	4 of 13
GREENE	14 of 14
HALE	9 of 9
LAMAR	0 of 10
PICKENS	17 of 17
SUMTER	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	20 of 20

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	13 of 13
CLAY	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	12 of 12
COOSA	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	17 of 17
TALLADEGA	6 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	13 of 13

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	10 of 10
BIBB	9 of 9
CHILTON	16 of 16
DALLAS	15 of 15
MARENGO	12 of 12
PERRY	12 of 12
WILCOX	10 of 10

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR	11 of 11
COFFEE	0 of 9
DALE	13 of 13
GENEVA	10 of 10
HENRY	6 of 6
HOUSTON	17 of 17
PIKE	9 of 9

DISTRICT 7 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN	17 of 31
CHOCTAW	14 of 14
CLARKE	14 of 14
MOBILE	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	19 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

BULLOCK	7 of 7
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THE BELL TOLLED

Chief Allen Etheridge, Putnam VFD, Marengo County, passed away April 28, 2013.

Dale Scott Queen, Oak Ridge VFD, Morgan County, passed away April 29, 2013. During a search of the area following a call to investigate an explosion, he began to feel sick and was removed to a staging area where his condition continued to worsen. Queen was transported to Decatur General Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Asst Chief Stanley Martin, Jr., Springfield VFD, Greene County, passed away from an apparent heart attack on May 6, 2013 after going into cardiac arrest while working at the scene of a residential fire.

AAVFD Life Member Vernon Maroney, Harvest VFD, Madison County, passed away May 13, 2013. Vernon represented District 1 on the Board of Directors, served as AAVFD Chaplin, Joint Fire Council representative, and on the legislative committee. He was also a board member on the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute, working many years to advance the volunteer fire service throughout the state.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Chief Mark Sims of the Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, whose father, A.L. "Red" Sims, passed away recently. His mother, Madeline, passed away shortly thereafter.

Condolences are sent to the family of retired Vestavia Hills Chief Bill Towers who passed away May 10, 2013. Chief Towers served for 37 years, 27 years as chief, and was also a past president of Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs.

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