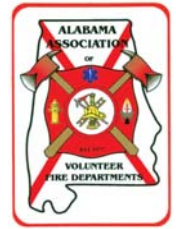




THE VOLUNTEER



The Official Newsletter of the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

July – September 2012

2012 AAVFD Conference at the Bobby Miller Activity Center District 3 Conference Chairman Bill Doss

AAVFD District III was pleased to host the 2012 Annual Conference at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Region Director Billy Doss and Alternate Director Scott Hallman provided excellent leadership for the volunteers from each county association throughout the process. Each county had representatives present at the many meetings and planning sessions that went into pulling off a successful event. We would be remiss if we also didn't thank Alan Rice and the staff of the Alabama Fire College for providing support and allowing us to hold our event at the Fire College. We would also like to thank the many vendors and fire service supporters that attended the event. In particular we would like to thank Sunbelt Fire for being a sustainer of this event with their presence and financial contribution.

The cookout on Friday night was headed up by Curtis Shirley and was well attended. We would also like to thank Roy Adamson of VFIS for providing the funding to cover the food at the cookout. Roy does this every year the event is held in Tuscaloosa and we are most grateful for his gen-

erous support of our association. We would also like to thank Joey Boyd for his expert handling of the competition at this year's conference. There is much that goes into this portion of the conference that no one ever sees, and we are thankful for his experience and dedication.

The banquet on Saturday night was well attended and a good meal was enjoyed by all present. We would be remiss if we didn't mention the Honorable Robert Bentley addressing the members of our association at the banquet. It was a pleasure and an honor to be addressed by our governor and for all members to be present when Governor Bentley was presented with his red coat. Governor Bentley is the first and only Alabama Governor to speak at an annual AAVFD conference. We in District III would like to thank all AAVFD members for their support and attendance this past year. We are already working hard on next year's program, and we hope that everyone makes plans to attend the conference next in Tuscaloosa on August 2nd and 3rd. See you there!

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS 2012 President Chauncey D. Wood III



(Past) Pres. C.D.W. II presenting Mary Jane Sells with The Sherry Garner award.



(Past) Pres. C.D.W. III presenting Luther E. Godwin, Jr. with the Firefighter of the Year award.

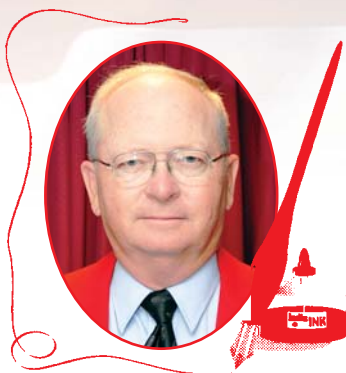


(Past) Pres. C.D.W. III presenting Senator Gerald Allen with the AAVFD Fire Fighter Axe plaque for his assistance with passage of 2012 AAVFD Legislation

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FROM
THE
AAVFD
PRESIDENT'S
DESK
BY

W. A. Neal



Dear fellow fire fighters,

It is with deep humility and honor that I write my first letter as AAVFD President. I feel it is privilege to serve such a fine organization it posses. I want to especially thank District Three members for their excellent work in organizing the 2012 Annual Conference.

I have set two primary goals. First to restore trust and confidence in your officers. Second, get our financial house in order. I have taken actions to start to obtain these goals.

I have located a facility to have AAVFD Board meetings at no cost to the Association. I was actually offered three locations within 15 minutes of my election. All are in the Montgomery area. I choose the Elmore County Fire Fighters Training Facility in Wetumpka. We will meet quarterly. Probably one of the last two Saturdays in October, January, and April. I am trying to arrange my schedule to be in Montgomery on Wednesdays. This may not be possible every Wednesday, but I will work toward that goal.

We made a good choice hiring Whitney McClelland. Whitney keeps me briefed, I handle a lot from my office in Luverne by phone or email. I also am scheduling meetings with other fire service leaders to keep open lines of communication.

The financial presented some minor problems. Treasurer Ray Hogan submitted a letter of resignation five days after conference. I asked Charles Jackson to stay on until we could find a replacement. I met with the manager of Winners Bingo. I want to assure each and every VFD that is a member of this association. The funds that were in question were all from the bingo funding account. NONE of the funds came from the AAVFD General Fund. When you pay your dues, all of your dues go directly to the General Fund. Therefore, your dues were spent for what they were intended, the operation of this organization.

I have only started learning about the appointments I have to make. I have no political axes to grind with anyone. If you wish to stay in a position and are doing a good job, I want to keep you were you are at. It is senseless for me to replace you. I want to unify this organization, not divide it.

All of us have been through storms before. The southern part of this state just went thru Hurricane Issac. The middle and northern areas survived the tornados of April 27, 2011. The sun shined a few days later but the clean up took a lot longer. You survived and so will the AAVFD.

Please keep me in yours prayers and work with me. If you need assistance, call the AAVFD office or my home phone at 334-335-3643.

*Yours truly,
W.A. Neal
President*

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS 2012 (continued from page 1)



(Past) President C.D.W. III presenting District 10 Director Mike Green with one of two President's awards.



(Past) President C.D.W. III presenting (Past) District 9 Director Jimmy Looney with one of two President's awards.



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A LETTER FROM THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE'S ALLAN RICE



By the time you read this, we will have celebrated another observance of September 11th. We are pleased that the permanent 9/11 memorial, which includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, is now in place on the campus of the Alabama Fire College. The simple inscription on this memorial reads "Alabama Remembers", and it is a very fitting sentiment so we will never forget the sacrifice of the 343 firefighters who died on that day. On October 13, we will take observe the state fallen firefighter ceremony as well. As always, it is a privilege for us to host this ceremony, and we hope you'll be able to join us for that very special occasion.

Exciting things continue to happen for the fire service in Alabama. We are on track to finish this year with approximately 1,700 more firefighters trained than last year. This is a tribute to your hard work, dedication, and commitment to your communities. During the coming year, your regional coordinators will be working with you to help determine a detailed training plan for your counties. This will help us make sure that we meet your needs and use the resources available to insure that you receive training that is best suited to your department.

It has been one of our goals to find new ways to help attract and retain firefighters in the state. We are excited to be working with the State Department of Education on several new programs that are intended to help young people achieve training and certification as volunteer and career firefighters in high school. These efforts have gotten off to a tremendous start, and we look forward to several positive developments in this area over the next year. It is our hope that these programs will help local communities achieve a more highly-trained fire service.

Thank you for everything that you do to support the Alabama Fire College, and as always, let us know how we can help you.

Yours in service,
Allan Rice

District 5 – Dallas County

FARM SAFETY DAY IN ORRVILLE Saturday, July 21, 2012 • Orrville Community Center

The Dallas County Young Farmers Organization in conjunction with the Dallas County EMA and the Orrville Volunteer Fire Department hosted a farm safety training workshop at the Orrville Community Center on Saturday, July 21st. Brandon Moore an Auburn University and Alabama Fire College Graduate has certifications as a Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2. While working with the city of Huntsville and farming with his father, he later went on to be specially trained in Hazardous Materials and as an Emergency Medical Technician. With his farming background and special training, Brandon has traveled the state over the last 10 years doing special workshops for Volunteer Fire Departments and local rescue units, in addition to Farm Field days. Brandon is currently the state Young Farmer's and Rancher's director for ALFA.

Orrville Fire Department Chief Bill Grimes and the Dallas County EMA director, Rhonda Abbott worked with the Dallas County Young Farmers to host the event. Departments from across the county came and took part in the program and hopefully took home some valuable life-

saving techniques that they will hopefully never encounter but will provide use if they ever finding themselves in a farm accident response. County departments that participated in the program were Orrville, Plantersville, Potters Station, Safford, Beloit and Sardis Volunteer Fire Departments, along with the Dallas County Rescue squad, Care Ambulance and the Selma Fire Department. The training involved a total of 35 participants. A special thanks is to be extended to Crop Production Services (CPS) of Selma for providing lunch from Hancock's for everyone.



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The officers and directors were sworn in by Assistant State Fire Marshall Scott Pilgreen at the Awards Banquet on August 4th. Phone numbers and addresses for the Board members are posted on the AAVFD website at www.aavfd.org, or you may call the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS: PREPARE TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S DISASTER

By: Art Faulkner – Director

Clanton-September 11th is date that is forever etched in everyone's mind as Americans will never forget what they were doing or where they were as horrific terrorist attacks were being committed on U.S. soil. If you were to ask what is significant about September 10th you may get blank stares or a puzzled look, that is unless you ask someone from the National Hurricane Center, the National Weather Service or the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. They will tell you September 10th is the peak of hurricane season, which means the threat of a hurricane entering the Gulf of Mexico and threatening Alabama's coastline is that much greater during this time.

In preparation for the peak of hurricane season here are something's you need to ask yourself?

- **What is the difference between a hurricane watch & a hurricane warning?**
- **Do I live in a flood prone area or a low-lying area?**
- **What is the best evacuation route?**
- **Does my emergency kit consist of items unique for my family needs?**
- **What is storm surge?**



• How do I contact my local EMA Director?

• Is hurricane preparedness only for coastal counties?

A tropical storm/hurricane watch means conditions are possible within 48 hours and Hurricane/Tropical Storm Warning means conditions are expected within 36 hours. Tropical Storms and/or Hurricanes can produce storm surge which is a wall of water that is pushed toward the shoreline as a hurricane moves ashore, poses the greatest threat to life and property along the coast. Even very small streams, gullies, creeks, culverts, dry streambeds or low-lying ground that appear harmless in dry weather can flood. For that reason residents need to beware if their community is prone to flash-flooding. The excessive rain amounts produce from tropical weather can impact nearly all Alabama counties which mean the threat of hurricane is something for all residents to plan and prepare for. If you are unsure about your evacuation routes, contact your local EMA director for your county specific information. Their contact information can be found on ema.alabama.gov. Don't forget as you stock your emergency supply kit; remember the special items the younger and elderly family members may need. Preparing today, maybe the thing that saves your life tomorrow. For more information on being prepared follow AlabamaEMA on twitter or like us on Facebook. Hurricane season ends November 30th.

District 1 – Marshall County

4C VFD RECEIVES GRANT FROM FIREHOUSE SUBS

By: Ricky Phillips, Arab Fire Chief

ARAB, Alabama -- The Four-C Volunteer Fire Department in Marshall County has been awarded almost \$15,000 in equipment from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Among the donation equipment will include new extrication tools to improve the department's rescue capabilities by speeding up the extrication process in motor vehicle accidents. The donated gear will provide personal protection for firefighters during life-threatening operations and fire prevention materials will be used to teach the importance of fire safety to children and senior citizens in the area.

The official presentation was made on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the fire station. On hand for the presentation were representatives of Firehouse Subs, Alabama Senator Clay Scofield and Alabama Representative Wes Long. After the presentation, firefighters demonstrated the equipment with a vehicle extrication exercise.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has donated

more than \$4.5 million to public safety entities across the nation and \$403,300-plus in Alabama since 2005.

Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon pickle buckets and sells them to guests for \$2. Donation canisters on register counters explain the non-profit's mission and collect spare change, while the round up program allows guests to literally round up their bill to the nearest dollar.

The Four-C Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1985 to serve the four communities that are located in the rural part of Marshall County between the cities of Arab and Guntersville.





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As we move from summer into the fall and winter holidays let us help our neighbors remember the basics of fire safety. Every fire prevented is a tragedy that is avoided, lives are saved! In addition to fire safety let's begin the campaign of training ourselves and our fellow citizens to Think Safety. Know two ways out of every area or structure that you enter. This will serve you well in the trying times that we now live in. As you enter places, your homes, stores where you shop, places you visit, think about how to get out in the event that you need to leave in an emergency. Look around, know where you are, know where the exits are and how to get to them. As you look for the exits remember what the airline crews always tell you, Keep in mind that the closest exit may be behind you. Let's be safe during the upcoming holidays!

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ETOWAH	100%	23 of 23
JACKSON	100%	22 of 22
MADISON	100%	17 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON		15 of 30
SHELBY		6 of 18
ST CLAIR		18 of 20
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	13 of 13
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
TALLADEGA	100%	15 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON		14 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		22 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
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DISASTER ASSISTANCE: MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

Kathrine Raines, Lee County, Alabama EMA

In light of the recent tragic events across Alabama on April 27th of 2011, many of us were compelled to provide any assistance possible to our fellow Alabamians. That's how we are. In the South, we 'do' for each other. We all have such a limited amount of free time these days, we thought it would be helpful to provide some information on how we can best help others during times of dire need. There are certain things that are always needed, and certain things that can stress emergency services and overwhelm them almost to the breaking point.

If you are an emergency responder, it is important that you coordinate your trip through your local emergency management office. During a presidentially declared disaster, many of your activities on behalf of your agency may be reimbursable. However, they will only qualify for FEMA reimbursement if the request is of an official nature and documented through the State and local Emergency Management Agency. Failure to follow these guidelines, could cause your agency and local government to miss an important opportunity to recover these funds. If the request has not been documented, we can make sure that it is properly documented before you leave. The same holds for any purchases your agency makes to support the response. These purchases may be eligible for reimbursement under a federal declaration if they are made through your local EMA. This FEMA procedure is designed to ensure that other available resources are exhausted before making the purchase.

If your assistance has not been requested by a government or private non-profit agency, contact your local EMA for information on how to find out where your assistance is needed. These decisions must be made prior to your leaving. Just 'showing up' at a disaster site is no help to anyone and may be a complete waste of your valuable time. If you are responding to an official request, it is absolutely necessary



that you go prepared to support yourself and your team for at least 72 hours. This means food, water and a place to sleep. In the opening hours of any disaster, the community is focused on lifesaving activities and may not have the ability or resources to provide these items. Your local EMA may be able to assist you in putting together a 72 hour kit for you or your team.

If you are interested in donating to the cause, please consider this: The most highly effective donation you can make in any disaster is money. In spite of the widespread damage in Tuscaloosa immediately after the devastating tornado, local department stores were open for business within blocks of the impacted area. Doesn't it make sense that most of us would rather purchase exactly what is needed for themselves and their families instead of picking through someone else's used clothing? Clothing donations are extremely manpower intensive. By this I mean, someone has to sort through the clothes to make sure they are appropriate, clean and sorted in sizes. Experience has proven that sorting through piles of used clothing is not the best use of our volunteer resources. The best option is to donate cash to a non-profit organization or relief agency. In remote areas where shopping resources may not be readily available, clothing donations may be specifically requested. In this case, clothing donations should be clean and bagged by gender and size. For instance, one bag should hold only "girls size 7 shirts" or "men's 2X shirts", etc. Following these packing procedures would significantly impact the amount of work that must be done to get this resource in the hand of those who need it.

Ultimately, it is a common goal of all citizens and responders alike to help those in need. When disasters happen, our best resource is our fellow Alabamians. Focusing our efforts in the right direction will ensure that our efforts are focused and delivered to those who are most in need.

District 8 – Baldwin County

ELBERTA VFD ANNUAL GERMAN SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

Join us at the German Sausage Festival for Elberta's famous German sausage & sauerkraut, plus continuous entertainment for adults and children, and 250 arts & crafts booths. Other scrumptious foods will include German style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, red beans & rice, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn and peanuts. There will be baked goods as well as arts & crafts for sale at the festival. The Bellview Stumpfiddle Band will perform with the North End Stompers, and cloggers, carnival rides and polka, country and German music will also be

provided for entertainment.

The sausage festival is a town fund-raiser, spearheaded by Elberta's Volunteer Fire Department in 1978, whose proceeds are used for improving not only the fire department, but the town as well. Additionally, local non-profit organizations also benefit from the festival through proceeds from their booth sales and parking lot fees. Due to its huge success, the festival is now held twice a year on the last Saturday of March and October. For more information please go to <http://sausagefest.elbertafire.com/>

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Cat 3126 300 HP, Allison MD3060
PTO Driven Generator
2 - 4000W Telescoping Light Towers
Air Compressor and Cascade System
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1994 Freightliner Heavy Rescue
Cummins 8.3L 300 HP Diesel Engine
Allison Automatic Transmission
Winco 20KW PTO Generator
Wilburt Light Tower



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PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS 9/11 COMMEMORATION ON SEPTEMBER 11

Pike Road Fire Department held a 9/11 commemoration on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 to mark the eleventh anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. It was an emotional evening as hundreds of people attended the ceremony.

Flags outlined the roadway and entrance to Pike Road Town Hall along with an oversized flag being flown at the top of a fully extend Pike Road FD ladder truck. The scene was described as “dramatic” in scope.



Patriotic ride-in by Montgomery Harley Owner's

The event opened with a patriotic “ride-in” by the Montgomery Harley Owners Group. Presentation of the colors by the Montgomery County Honor Guard and singing of the National Anthem by country music artist, Bradley Roberson. Air Evac Life Team conducted a fly-over at the conclusion of the National Anthem. Other artist in attendance included bagpiper Charles Hightower and trumpet player Adam Wagner.



Bradley Roberson performing the National Anthem

Pike Road Fire Chief, Mike Green, welcomed attendees and said by coming together as a community, we can honor the victims, heroes and their families from that tragic day. It's ultimately important for our country to have heroes and to pay tribute to the fireman and policeman that went into the building to rescue the innocent people and to honor the victims of that day. Green said, “It is a sad day in our history not only for the nation but for fire departments and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. We want to respect and honor those that we lost but the message that we want to send out is to promote brotherhood and coming together.”



Chief Mike Green

Pike Road Mayor, Gordon Stone, expressed his thanks to the first responders, firefighters and law enforcement personnel who dedicate their lives to serving others every day. Holding this event each year is a way to build community tradition, provide a place for families to honor victims and

reflect on the grief of the attacks.

Chief Derrick Cunningham's, Montgomery Sheriff Department, made it a point to say, the purpose of the ceremony today is to honor the memory of all the 343 firefighters and 60 law enforcement officers who lost their lives on this date eleven years ago today. In addition, we honor and commend firefighters and police officers who sacrifice their life each day for the citizens of Pike Road.

Serving as keynote speaker was Shirrell Roberts, Deputy Director, Alabama Department of Homeland Security. “As we observe today's anniversary, let's not only remember the lives lost on this tragic date but honor those who dedicate their life each day to serving others. We honor the men and women who courageously worked to save the lives of others eleven years ago today and salute the men and women in sacrifice their life each day for others.”

A wreath was placed by Pike Road firefighters, Phillip Whately and Toye Hooks, in honor of those who lost their life as Taps was played on the trumpet by Adam Wagner.

As bagpiper, Charles Hightower, played Amazing Grace during the conclusion of the event, the candles lite up the area as people bowed their heads in silence to remember the lives lost eleven years ago.



Candle Light Vigil



Candle Light Vigil

Other county fire departments represented during the event included Rolling Hill, Snowdown Fire and North Montgomery.

The event wrapped up with a concert by Bradley Roberson.



PRVFD Ladies Auxiliary Members

FIRE DESTROYS HIGHLAND HOME RESTAURANT

A fire destroyed the "It Don't Matter" restaurant on the night of August 18, 2012. The restaurant was located in the center of Highland Home right beside U.S. Highway 331. The Crenshaw County 911 Center received the first call at 10:36 PM. Highland Home Fire & Rescue (HHVFR) was dispatched at 10:38 PM. When HHVFR Fire Chief Richard Jordan arrived on scene, he immediately called for mutual aid. Fire departments from Honorville, Fullers X Roads, Luverne, Rutledge and Brantley sent equipment and personnel to the scene. Individual fire fighters from South Montgomery and Snowden VFD also went to the scene. A total of 45 fire fighters, three engines, four tankers, one ladder truck, and several support units responded.

The restaurant was constructed around the year 2000. The design created a problem for fire fighters because it was built on a hillside. There was a basement and two stories above the basement. There was also a partial collapse during the fire fighting operation. There were no injuries to fire fighters. The fire heavily damaged the facility. Units were on scene till nearly 4:00 AM. Firemen later returned at 11:00 AM to extinguish a re kindle.



Chief Richard Jordan, Highland Home VFD



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CONGRATULATIONS MR. AND MRS. DAN HOPKINS

On Sunday August 26th, 2012 Hollis VFD Chief and AAVFD Vice President Dan Hopkins and Hollis VFD Safety Officer Stacey Gayton became one as they both exchanged their vows and became husband and wife. Both

Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins has a huge love for the fire service and their community and have worked and made a huge difference in the Hollis Community they live in and both are looking forward to doing so as one.



Pictured is Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins and Grandson Brantly riding away on the fire Engine.



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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

Many thanks to the departments that have already sent their department patches for our office "wall of patches". New patches have come from Lawley VFD, and 2 patches from Uriah VFD. Please, send your department patch if you haven't already done so.

Thanks, Booty Cox President Pickens County Firefighters Association At the annual banquet in July, Chuck McDaniel was named Pickens County Firefighter of the Year for 2012. Chuck is an Assistant Chief with the Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department and a long time employee of the Alabama Forestry Commission.

Please join **Turkey Heaven Volunteer Fire Department** in their annual fall turkey shoot November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Trickum Recreation Center 14650 Highway 46 Hefli, AL. All proceeds go towards providing fire protection to this fire district. Prizes include: turkey, ham, and hoop cheese.

Please contact Patrick Nolen with any questions or concerns 256-591-7800.

Hollis Volunteer Fire Department is getting ready to host their annual haunted house... "The haunted chicken house hayride and our new attraction just added last year the X-scream X-perience. Come out and join us. We will open on September 28th this year and be open on every Friday and Saturday night in October. We will have church night October 28th. church night times 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. as well as halloween night 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Group rates are available but can only be purchased at the event." Times are Friday – Saturday from 7:00 p.m. – Midnight. (first ticket sold at 7:00 p.m. last one at midnight) "We stay open till everybody has gotten their thrill even if it is 4:00 a.m. when we leave". For more information you can go to <http://www.hauntedchickenhouse.net/> or contact **Dan Hopkins at 256-225-7230.**

AAVFD WELCOMES NEWLY FORMED AUXILIARY

Several ladies from across the state met on August 4, 2012 at the annual conference to form the State of Alabama Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary. The newly formed auxiliary welcomes spouses, mothers, sisters, daughters or an affiliate with a local fire department active or retired into its ranks and looks forward to developing programs which will assist fire departments while enjoying newfound friendships with its members. The purpose of the auxiliary is dedicated to supporting the activities and special needs of the AAVFD, increasing membership, organizing new auxiliaries and supporting those established

auxiliaries.

The auxiliary will provide an opportunity to build strong and close friendships through meetings and other social activities. It will assist in enhancing local department's auxiliaries and assist, as needed, with support and guidance in establishing local auxiliaries. Auxiliaries play a big role in planning and implementing events, public relations, fundraisers, etc. at the local level.

With just one meeting behind them, this core-group of ladies is in the process of selecting its officers, finalizing the by-laws and a mission statement.

To learn more about plans being developed by this enthusiastic group of ladies or to become a member, contact Debbie Green at debbiegreen@pikeroadfire.com or Phone: (334)277-2153.

District 10 – Lee County

LEE COUNTY VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE AWARDS

Kalyn Ray was presented a longevity service award on Tuesday night September 11, from the Lee County Fire Fighters Association. Kalyn was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association for 20 years until she retired from the position in December of 2011. It was presented to her by J.T. McCracken President, and Josh Datnoff Secretary/Treasurer. Awards were also presented to John Hoar and Steven Patenaude for their service in helping get the Lee County Fire Fee passed for a fee increase this year. Also, not in

attendance was Lee Roy Kelley, William White and Sarah Panko. Lee Roy Kelley retired career and volunteer fire chief. He was going to be presented a longevity award for over 34 years of service. William White - retired from Opelika Auburn News for his help with articles and public relations for the Lee County Fire Fee. Sarah Panko - with WRBL channel 3 news was awarded a plaque for her role in covering the fire fee and interviewing several depts.

AAVFD URGES RESIDENTS TO "HAVE TWO WAYS OUT!" DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 7-13, 2012

October 7, 2012 - If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of Americans households who made and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less.

That's why AAVFD is teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012, to urge residents to "Have Two Ways Out!" This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

"One home structure was reported every 85 seconds in 2010". "Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home."

AAVFD recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind grown-ups to have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

To learn more about "Have Two Ways Out!" visit NFPA's Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.

District 8 – Washington County

MONUMENTAL FOUNDING VFD MEMBER HONORS WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

The Wagarville Volunteer Fire Department dedicated a monument at the fire station on Aug. 7 in memory of former member Calvin Clayton Sullivan, who died in 2006 and had been part of the department since its inception in 1990.

According to Sullivan's son Eric, who is now the department's fire chief, the monument was created by Wayne Lathan, a family friend.

"He really went above and beyond to help us," Sullivan said of Lathan.

Washington County Sheriff Richard Stringer said it was an honor to attend the dedication service.

"I knew Calvin for many years," he said. "We worked together and he was a fin man. He had a kind and loving heart and was liked by everyone."

Eric Sullivan said his father tried to help the fire department because he wanted to help his fellow neighbors, friends and family in the community. He also said his father made him promise before he died that he would help take care of it.

"We still have a long way to go with the department, but I think we have one of the best departments in the county," said Sullivan. "I try to help everyone I can. It's what my dad

instilled in me, and it's just the type of person I am."

At the close of the dedication service, Eric Sullivan thanked everyone with the fire department and county for contributing their time and resources to help the WVFD respond to emergencies.

The WVFD has 14 firefighters, and the current facility was built in 1997.

Calvin Sullivan, 70, of Wagarville died on Aug. 9, 2006. He was retired from Brown and Root.



Pictured are, from left to right (back row) Michael Emmons, Teresa Gilpin, Daniel Gilpin, Brandon Morgan, Eric Sullivan, Chris Stokes, (front row) Jimbo Lankford, Tommy Gilpin, Gracie Sullivan, Rebecca Stokes, Angie Sullivan, Paul Pritchard, Steven Stokes and Traci Pritchard.

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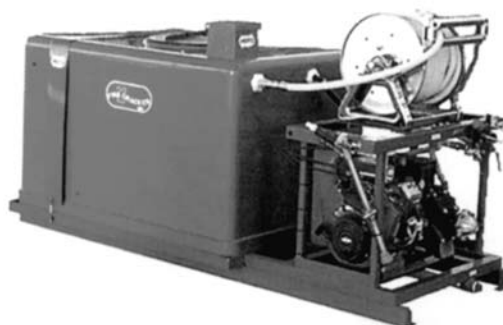
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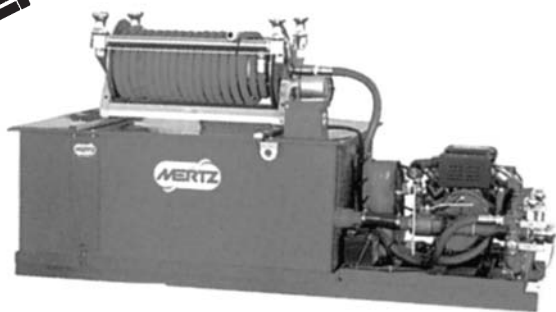
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The term volunteer is used to reference firefighters who may have other occupations. Volunteers are not compensated for responding to an emergency scene or attending training. Volunteers come from all walks of life. Volunteers consist of professional firefighters, nurses, attorneys, construction workers, doctors, paramedics, businessman, students, etc.

Some volunteer departments may operate as part of a combination system, where paid firefighters also provide emergency services. The combination system allows a station to be regularly staffed for rapid response.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost 80 percent of firefighters in the United States are volunteers.

Volunteer firefighting is a rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. Montgomery County has eight volunteer fire departments. Each department is made up of volunteer firefighters, first responders, EMT's and support staff. Each department's members stand ready to serve the citizens in their community 365 days a year. Volunteers are dedicated, committed and spend many hours in training to become a volunteer firefighter.

As communities grow, each department is receiving more calls and more traffic. Additional volunteers are needed to be ready to respond to emergencies. Emergencies can be a house fire, automobile accident, flood, tornado, car fire, home accidents, etc. Volunteers are a vital part of each department. Citizens are encouraged to become a part of the fire department in your area. There are things citizens can do to help your local volunteer fire department. You can volunteer as a firefighter or non-firefighter role or you can donate goods or money to help buy new equipment or other items needed for the fire station. Contact the Department in your community to volunteer or learn additional information.

Below you will find some general information on each Montgomery County volunteer fire department. Each Department strives to provide their community the best life safety prevention, education and response possible.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY VFD DEPARTMENT PROFILES

Catoma VFD

50 Booth Road
Montgomery, AL 36108
334-612-9127

Fire Chief Bobby Brooks

Website - www.catomavfd.org

Established in 2001, the department has 27 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 1 station. They responded to 250 incidents while protecting an 8 square mile area. Other fire department features include: MDA supporter, ladies auxiliary, ISO rating of 5/10, service truck with air cascade system, new tanker pumper, sponsors semi-annual blue grass festivals, Fire Chaplin, 100% of the members are CPR certified, 25% of the members are EMT/firefighter I certified, sponsors monthly bake sales to raise funds for the Department.

North Montgomery VFD

3670 Coosda Ferry Rd.
Montgomery, AL 36110
334-269-6206

Fire Chief Thomas Barker

Established in 1996, the department has 28 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 2 stations. They responded to 163 incidents while protecting a 38 square mile area. Other fire

department features include: confined space training facility for search & rescue, lowest ISO rating (5) of VFD's in Montgomery County, Memorial Day annual Boston Butt fund raiser, Fire Chaplin, and drill tower.

Pike Road VFD

3427 Wallahatchie Road
Pike Road, AL 36064
334-271-1048

Fire Chief Mike Green

Website - www.pikeroadfire.com

Established in 1978, the department has 49 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 6 fire stations. They responded to 346 incidents while protecting a 94 square mile area. Other fire department features include: ladies auxiliary, children's fire safety training house, E-1 Quint (pumper/ladder) fire truck, 2012 Ford F550 Service/Rescue truck, combination fire department with three paid firefighters M-F, 70% of the members are Pro Board Certified through Alabama Fire College, Vial of Life Program, Fire Chaplin, 2 story live fire training building, air cascade trailer, sponsored 9/11 remembrance ceremony - a community event, annual Boston Butt fund raiser, MDA supporter, Relay for Life supporter, 98% of the citizens are within five miles of a fire station and the ladies auxiliary sponsors a needy family for Christmas yearly.

Pintlala VFD

272 Federal Rd.
 Hopehull, AL 36043
 334-280-2333
 Fire Chief John Meadows
 Website: www.pintlalafire.com

Established in 1980, the department has 25 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 2 stations. They respond to an average of 225 calls per year while protecting a 65 square mile area. Other fire department features: Advanced Life Support Services and service truck with air cascade system.

Rolling Hills VFD

6120 Trotman Rd.
 Montgomery, AL 36116
 334-288-7344
 Fire Chief Wesley Thomas
 Website - www.rhlfvd.org

Established in 1989, the department has 18 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 2 stations. They responded to 175 incidents while protecting a 60-70 square mile area. Other fire department features: Vial of Life Program, 2- story live fire training building, new 2012 KME pumper for fire suppression.

Snowdoun VFD

219 Hobbie Road
 Montgomery, AL 36105
 334- 284-4717
 Fire Chief Tony Mitchell
www.snowdounvfd.com

The department has 40 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 3 stations. They responded to 108 incidents. Other fire department features: training facility and ladies auxiliary.

South Montgomery VFD

P.O. Box 116
 Ramer, AL 36069
 334-562-9280
 Fire Chief David Miles
 Website - www.smcfirerescue.com

Established in 1976, the department has 35 active volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 4 stations. They protect a 206 square mile area. Other fire department features: service truck with air cascade system, 25% of the members are firefighter I certified, 95% of the members are EMS certified, FD host Deputy Dave Day for the Community, sponsors yearly Fourth of July fireworks community event and a public relations officer.

Waugh/Mt. Meigs VFD

20 Line Creek Rd.
 Montgomery, AL 36117
 334- 215-1122
 Fire Chief Lee Stinson

Established in 1993, the department has 30 volunteer firefighters/first responders operating out of 5 stations. They responded to 313 incidents. Other fire department features: E-I Quint (pumper/ladder) fire truck, ladies auxiliary, 40 % of the members are certified firefighters, service truck with air cascade system, training room, sponsors yearly community fun day.

Thank you to all the volunteer fire departments and especially to the firefighters/first responders for your generous support and dedication to the citizens of Montgomery County. Volunteer firefighters are committed to enhancing the quality of life for area citizens by their generous donation of their time and talents. Montgomery County is fortunate to have professional and well-trained fire personnel to protect our communities. So the next time you see or talk to a volunteer firefighter, shake their hands, give them a hug and tell them "Thank You" for all they do!

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Many communities rely on volunteer fire departments for their fire protection and EMS response. We as Alabama State Troopers often work alongside volunteer firefighters and EMS volunteers, and we appreciate the efforts of these volunteers.

This brochure is provided to educate volunteer fire and EMS personnel as to their responsibilities and legal considerations while responding to calls for service in an effort to keep them -- and the community they serve -- safe.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: As a volunteer firefighter, may I use red lights and a siren in my personal vehicle when responding to service calls?

A: No. Alabama State law restricts the use of emergency lights and siren to designated emergency vehicles.

Q: Who can designate a vehicle as an "emergency vehicle"?

A: Alabama State law (code T32-5A-115) states that only the director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety or police chief of an incorporated city has the authority to designate a vehicle as such.

Q: Will the director of ADPS designate a personal or privately owned vehicle as an "emergency vehicle"?

A: No. Only a "publicly owned" vehicle will be considered for designation as an "emergency vehicle."

Q: As a volunteer firefighter or volunteer EMS operating a privately owned vehicle, am I able to violate such traffic laws as speed limit, red lights, stop signs, etc., when responding to calls for service?

A: No. While operating a privately owned vehicle, you are required to obey all laws.

Q: If I am qualified and am driving the department's fire truck or other emergency vehicles to a call with lights and siren activated, am I allowed to violate traffic laws?

A: State law allows emergency vehicle operators, while responding to emergency calls, to violate traffic laws ONLY while demonstrating due regard for public safety. (For example, when responding to an emergency call and you encounter a red light, you may only go through that intersection AFTER you have determined such movement can be made safely).

Q: While operating an emergency vehicle to an emergency call, am I required to have lights AND siren activated?

A: Yes. State law requires that an emergency vehicle have at least one lamp (red for fire/EMS, blue for police) AND an audible siren to be in compliance with the law.

Q: Can I have emergency lights on my personal vehicle if it is parked at an incident scene road side?

A: Yes, you may do so as long as the vehicle is parked on the

side of the road and not in motion it may be equipped with amber or yellow lights.

Q: Can a sheriff authorize an emergency vehicle in his/her county?

A: No. Under Alabama law, ONLY the director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety or the chief of police of an incorporated city has the authority to designate a vehicle as an "emergency vehicle."

Section 32-1-1.1 defines

"emergency vehicle" as:

(3) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE. Such fire department vehicles, police vehicles and ambulances as are publicly owned, and such other publicly or privately owned vehicles as are designated by the Director of Public Safety or the chief of police of an incorporated city.

Section 32-5A-115

Operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles; signals on emergency vehicles; duty of emergency vehicle driver.

(a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp and audible signal as is required by law, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with regard for the safety of all persons using the highways.

(c) Authorized emergency vehicles shall be equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting a colored light as hereinafter provided visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle and a siren, exhaust whistle, or bell capable of giving an audible signal. The color of the lighted lamp exhibited by police vehicles may be red or blue and the color of the lighted lamp exhibited by the fire department and other authorized emergency vehicles, including ambulances, shall be red. No vehicle other than a police vehicle will use a blue light. An amber or yellow light may be installed on any vehicle or class of vehicles designated by the Director of Public Safety, but such light shall serve as a warning or caution light only, and shall not cause other vehicles to yield the right-of-way. This provision shall not operate to relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway nor shall it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of such right-of-way.

(Acts 1980, No. 80-434, p. 604, §4-106; Acts 1981, No. 81-803, p. 1412, §1.)

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THE BELL TOLLED

Henry Webb, Dollarhide VFD, Greene County, Mr. Webb passed away July 6, 2012.

Robert Day Dombroski, Mt. Olive VFD, Calhoun County, Mr. Dombroski passed away July 7, 2012 after his fight with cancer. He was a Volunteer for 8 years at Mt. Olive VFD.

Elizabeth "Beth" Diane Wales Childers, Anderson VFD, Lauderdale County, Mrs. Childers passed away July 11, 2012 in a house fire helping her two grandchildren evacuate the home. Mr. Childers was a very active member of the Anderson VFD and had recently received her EMT License.

Wayne West, Spring Valley VFD, Colbert County, Mr. West passed away July 22, 2012, he was the Chief at Spring Valley VFD.

Charles Haygood, Moulton VFD, Lawrence County, Mr. Haygood passed away July 24, 2012. He was a former chief of Moulton VFD and served over 20 years with the volunteer fire service.

Paul Garrard III, Fairview VFD, Cullman County, Mr. Garrard passed away August 6, 2012 from a heart attack.

Jerry Dustin Smith, Oak Ridge VFD, Morgan County, Mr. Smith passed away at the young age of twenty three on August 16, 2012 in a boating accident.

Paul Hefflin Savage III, Spring Garden VFD, Cherokee County, Mr. Savage passed away August 20, 2012 of a bad infection. He was with the Spring Garden VFD for 20 plus years.

Norris K Patterson, Florence VFD, Lauderdale County, passed away September 6, 2012. Mr. Patterson was a member since January 26, 1988 and served as Lieutenant / Fire Inspector.

Retired Fire Chief Charles Wallace, Madison County Fire, Madison County, passed away Sunday September 9, 2012 following a brief illness. Chief Wallace served as Fire Chief for 34 years. He began his service as a volunteer in 1963 and became Madison's fire full-time firefighter/fire chief in November of 1969. Chief Wallace retired in November of 1999.

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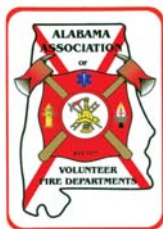
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