



# THE VOLUNTEER



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

April – June 2012

## 2012 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 3-4, 2012, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and will be hosted by AAVFD and District III. The registration headquarters will be at the Ramada Inn.

### ELECTIONS

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

President	Chauncey Wood (I)
Vice President	
South	William Neal (I)
Central	Dan Hopkins (I)
North	Derrick Gatlin (I)
Secretary	Mary Sells (I)
Treasurer	Ray Hogans

Please see a fire service biography for nominee Ray Hogans elsewhere in this issue. All other nominees are incumbents, with whom you are acquainted.

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

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

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

## Executive Assistant And Newsletter Editor Sandra H. Mott Retires

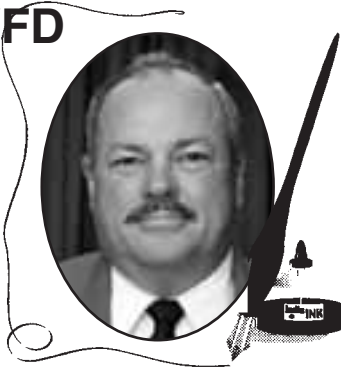


*Left to Right: Bottom Row: Corey Carr, Sandra Mott, and Chauncey Wood.  
Back Row: Joya Burge, Ann Gilmore, Whitney McClelland, and LaSaundra Carr (Photo by Tina Wood)*

# FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

*Shay Wood*



*"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrew 6:10*

An organizational meeting was held May 20, 1977 at the Holiday Inn in Montgomery to organize The Alabama Firefighters Association. The office opened on June 20, 1995 some eighteen years later with Sandra Mott working two, three and then four days a week part-time. On May 11, 1996 AAVFD Board of Directors hired Sandra Mott full time. After 19 years AAVFD finally had its first and only paid employee! Sixteen years later, on April 1, 2012 Sandra Mott retired. Sandra has been the "voice" for **OUR** Association, fire service "watch dawg", editor of **OUR** newsletter "The Volunteer", office manager, executive assistant to the president, and the list goes on and on!! Sandra Mott is well respected by not only **OUR** AAVFD family but all who know her across the State of Alabama. Sandra, we will miss you of course, but truly pray for the best in your retirement. "The Volunteer" is dedicated to you- you earned it- you deserve it! Enjoy your retirement and come see us from time to time.

The Regular Session and First Special Session of The Alabama Legislature are now complete. However, there is at least one more "storm cloud" to deal with, namely the General Fund. A Constitutional Amendment that must be voted on by the citizens of Alabama on Tuesday, September 18th. Should this Constitutional Amendment not pass, the entire budget will collapse and throw the General Fund budget into a crisis. This will affect **OUR** line item Rural Community Fire Protection Legislative (Forestry) FY 2013 grant checks for October 1, 2012 and June 1, 2013. It took a lot of persistence and diligence by several talented people to complete **OUR** Legislative Agenda. I extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with AAVFD Legislation. **Special thanks** to Mike Green, Jimmy Looney, Ed Paulk, Roy Mott, Scott Pilgreen, Sandra Mott (1st half of Session) and Whitney McClelland (2nd half of Session) for walking the halls, attending committee meetings and public hearings. I was able to witness their fortitude first hand and my compliments to each of them for their dedication, devotion and hard work for the entire fire service. **OUR** direct involvement from the local level was definitely the key to **OUR** success here in Montgomery and I appreciate members of the Joint Fire Council; Steve Pegues, Mark Threadgill and Randy Childs working collectively for fire service legislation with us. AAVFD Legislation 2013 is being drafted and three bills are ready for pre-filing for a February 5th beginning. (See AAVFD 2012 Legislation Final Report in this issue.)

"He signed it!" Yes, Governor Robert J. Bentley signed into Law SB 134 sponsored by Senator Gerald Allen (HB334 by Representative John Merrill). AAVFD will now have an

appointment to the Firefighter's Personnel Standards Commission for the first time ever! Alabama Firefighter's Association and Professional Firefighter's Association of Alabama already have an appointment. The seat that will be filled by one of **OUR** own comes up in July 2014.

It's hard to believe that **OUR** 35th Annual Conference is just around the corner. Seems like just yesterday we were all down at Point Clear at The Grand Hotel. This year's conference is being hosted by AAVFD and District III. Conference Chair Billy Doss, Co-chairs Belinda Lancaster, Larry Jarvis, Scott Hallman, along with their Conference Committee have been working tirelessly to make **OUR** stay both enjoyable and memorable!

Competition is always at its best under the direction of Joey Boyd. Of course, we all know that Joey couldn't do what he does if it were not for his beautiful bride Sandy and daughter Carma (who by the way is following in their footsteps as an EMT!) Oh yeah, I almost forgot, the driving force behind competition, Paige Crouch! We had four teams at Fire Fighters Appreciation Day in Tuscaloosa, so come on teams lets go for break-eight or ten-how about it?

Vendors!!!! There will be lots and lots of them, so please go by and thank them for coming and supporting AAVFD. **OUR** Fire College Executive Director Allan Rice, Thank God for him!! Allan and his entire staff at The Fire College always go that extra mile to make the "Volunteers" feel welcome and that we are a big part of the fire college. Please be sure to thank Allan and the fire college staff for opening their doors to us once again. (Remember we were there in '08 and '10).

There are lots of ideas, thoughts and suggestions shared during **OUR** conferences. This year AAVFD is forming a Statewide Ladies Auxiliary! Debbie Green and Doris Jackson will be the contact persons should you be interested. Call **OUR** AAVFD office and Executive Assistant Whitney McClelland will give you their contact information. Also during **OUR** cookout on Friday night, Brantley Greene will explain Alabama's upcoming 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb which is being hosted by the Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department to be held Sunday, September 9th, at the RSA Union Building in Downtown Montgomery. **OUR** AAVFD has a lot going on, so we hope you will consider attending, be a part, and take some of what you learned back home to your department.

Until next time, **stay alert, stay safe, stay alive!** May God bless you and **OUR** association!!



*Gran (Sandra) and Pop (Roy) with their grandchildren Will, Aubrey and Shelby. Happy Retirement Roy and Sandra!!!*





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## A LETTER FROM THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE'S ALLAN RICE



The outstanding partnership between the Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission and the AAVFD continues to grow and expand! We have worked together on some very important matters involving training, support for firefighters, and legislative issues. Never has this relationship been more important than during this past session of the legislature, when we were able to finally pass new legislation that protects the Alabama Fire College and insures that firefighter training will always remain a priority in Alabama. A very important aspect of this new law is that it grants an appointment on the Personnel Standards Commission to the AAVFD for the first time ever. The seat that is vacated in July 2014 will be filled by a volunteer firefighter selected by AAVFD and confirmed by the Alabama Senate. This measure will insure that volunteer firefighters always have a voice in the training standards and programs of the Fire College. We appreciate AAVFD, Governor Bentley, Senator Gerald Allen, and Representative John Merrill for providing the dedication and leadership to make this a reality.

We were quite honored to co-sponsor, along with the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute, the 2nd Annual Firefighter Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 2nd. A special thank-you goes to AAVFD District 3 for their hard work on this event. It was so exciting to see the AFC campus completely full of Alabama's firefighters, including so many dedicated volunteers. The Fire College will remain a co-sponsor of this event in the years to come. One very special part of the day was the final dedication of the World Trade Center Steel that was donated to our state by the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund. This sacred remnant of 9/11/2001 will become a permanent part of our Alabama Firefighter Memorial, and I hope you will take the chance to visit the campus so you can experience this piece of history.

Lastly, we are eager to welcome all of you back to Tuscaloosa for the AAVFD Conference and Competition this summer. We consider our campus to be the home place for all of Alabama's firefighters, and we hope you will participate in this summer's events so we can enjoy your company.

Stay safe,  
Allan Rice

District 6 – Barbour County

## THANK YOU FROM COWIKEE VFD

President Chauncey Wood,

I want to thank you for your help in obtaining a newer pumper to replace our older one that was too costly to repair. Myself and board chairman attended the 2011 conference hoping to touch base with someone that could possibly help us out. Mr. Wood president of AAVFD said he had someone in mind and would check on it when he got back home. That Monday he called with information of a person that specialized in trucks for volunteer departments at little or no cost for the vehicles. His name is Bob Miller located in Lasage, West Virginia. He emailed pictures to Cowikee VFD and if we were interested to let him know. Cowikee told him we were very interested.

So at this point we set a date and sent an entourage to West Virginia to actually see the truck perform its duties. Our group at this time knew this would get us back on track. The truck belonged to Ona VFD in Ona, West Virginia. Ona said it would be donated to Cowikee. As we were discussing the pumper Bob Miller received a call from Greenvally Vfd, only a few miles away, saying they had a Suburban they would donate if we were interested. We went to Greenvally and wow it looked really good and ran excellent. They had replaced it with a newer four wheel drive model. We accepted both vehicles. The price to get them to Cowikee was the trip and having them shipped to us. The cost for trip and shipping came to only twenty nine hundred dollars compared to the fifteen thousand it would have cost to repair our older truck. The pumper we got is a 1980 Chevy very low mileage with pump hours included. The GMC Suburban has only 85,500 miles on it. Cowikee would like to give everyone involved in helping us especially AAVFD President Chauncey Wood and Mr. Bob Miller a gratitude of thanks.



Thank You,  
Rodger Williams,  
Fire Chief Cowikee VFD

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### **2012 AAVFD LEGISLATION**

*Chauncey D. Wood III - AAVFD President*

**HB1/SB9 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE- Rep. Richard Laird - Senator Gerald Dial-** Would require the Commissioner of Insurance to regulate the maximum annual payroll per fire fighter or rescue squad member for the purpose of setting workers' compensation rates for volunteer fire departments of rescue squads, or combination departments. **History-** Passed in the House-failed in the Senate. Prefiled for February 2013 Legislative Session.

**HB5 - STATE FIREFIGHTER DEATH BENEFIT EXPANDING- Rep. Mike Jones-** Provide death and disability benefits due to certain occupational diseases for firefighters employed by the state; and to provide that the state must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the condition was caused by some means other than the occupation disqualify the fire firefighter from benefits. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 2, 2012. Act # 2012-559**

**HB11 - HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LODD SURVIVING SPOUSE/DEPENDENTS- Rep. Kurt Wallace-** Would allow surviving spouse or dependants to continue to be covered by the SEHIB plan and the cost would be paid from the State Treasury. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 22, 2012. Act # 2012-498**

**HB89 - STATEWIDE E-911 BOARD- Rep. Mike Millican-** Would replace existing Commercial Mobile Radio Service Board, provide for establishing and collecting a single statewide emergency telephone service charge replacing all existing charges, and provide for the distribution of funds to local communications districts and commercial mobile radio service providers. **EFFECTIVE: Sections 11-98-4.1, 11-98-5.2, 11-98-13.1, 11-98-14, and 11-98-15, Code of Alabama 1975, shall become effective immediately, May 8, 2012; following the passage and approval of this act by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. Section 11-98-5.3, Code of Alabama 1975, shall become effective on the first day of the fourth month, September 1, 2012; following the passage and approval of this act by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law. The remaining provisions of this act shall become effective October 1, 2013. HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 8, 2012. Act# 2012-293.**

**HB185 - TAX EXEMPTION- Rep. Richard Laird-** Provide sales tax exemption AAVFD and County Volunteer Fire Associations, AL Association of Rescue Squads, County Rescue Squads and Fire Districts that do not come under the auspices of their County Commission. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 22, 2012. Act # 2012-544**

**HB186/SB326 - PROVIDE FOR AL FORESTRY COMMISSION LOANED EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL BY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS- Rep. Richard Laird-** Amend Section 9-3-18 to allow a fire department to dispose of state-owned property obtained through the AL Forestry Commission in any manner it chooses. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 23, 2012. Act # 2012-555**

**HB187 - RESCUE SQUAD- Rep. Richard Laird-** Allow minimum voluntary \$2 income tax contribution by check off on annual income tax returns. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012 HISTORY- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 22, 2012. Act # 2012-543**

**HB233 - ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION- Rep. Chad Fincher -** Amend Section 9-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for criminal penalties for violation of certain rules pertaining to conduct of persons on land designated as a state forest. **HISTORY- Passed in the House/ Senate, carried over to call of the chair- Failed last day, May 16, 2012.**

**HB275 - AL FIREFIGHTERS ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND- Rep. Richard Laird-** Constitutional amendment to levy additional one-half mill annual state ad valorem tax to be distributed evenly between AL Firefighters Annuity Fund and AL Peace Offices Annuity Fund. **HISTORY- Passed House Ways & Means General Fund- Failed in the House. Prefiled for February 2013 Legislative Session.**

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### 2012 AAVFD LEGISLATION

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**HB318 - ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION: Rep. Charles Newton-** Would specify that the removal of timber or forest products by deception would be unlawful punished by a Class A misdemeanor. **EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 2012**  
**HISTORY-** Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 15, 2012, Act # 2012-428

**HB366 - LINE OF DUTY DISEASES- Rep. Allen Treadway-** Would authorize blood and saliva testing of any person who exposes a law enforcement officer, firefighter, first responder, or corrections officer to a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease during the course and scope of the law enforcement officer's official duties. **HISTORY- Passed in the House- Favorable from Senate Finance & Taxation Education Committee on May 9, 2012- Failed to come up on last day, May 16, 2012.**

**HB316/SB336 - SPRINKLER SYSTEM PERMITS- Rep. Randy Wood- Senator Bryan Taylor-** Allow State Fire Marshal to issue permits to certified potable water single family dwelling fire protection sprinkler contractors. **HISTORY- Passed in the Senate; on Special Order Calendar in the House 3 times, failed to come up on the House Special Order Calendar on the last day, May 16, 2012. Prefiled for February 2013 Legislative Session**

**HB334/SB134 - ESTABLISH ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE INDEPENDENT STATUS: Rep. John Merrill- Sen. Gerald Allen-** Clarify that the Fire College is an independent institution of postsecondary education under the Personnel Standards Commission. Also provides for representation of AAVFD and AL Association of Fire Chiefs on the Commission. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY APRIL 17, 2012. HISTORY-** Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 17, 2012.

### AAVFD LOCAL LEGISLATION

**Pike County- HB624- Rep Alan Boothe- Pike Co., Ad Valorem tax, county commission authorized to levy additional outside corporate limits of Troy and Brundidge distribution, referendum for volunteer fire departments. HISTORY-** Passed in the House, Failed in the Senate.

### AAVFD SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

**SB443- Sen. Roger Bedford-** To require recreational trailers be constructed in compliance with American National Standards Inst., approved by State Fire Marshall. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY May 23, 2012. History-** Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on May 23, 2012, Act # 2012-566

**HB436- Rep. Bill Poole-** Sales tax holiday for emergency preparedness supplies- This law created an additional sales tax holiday weekend for emergency preparedness supplies. For 2012, the holiday will be the first full weekend in July. In following years, the holiday will be the last full weekend of February. Counties have the option to participate. Counties wishing to participate in this year's holiday have until June 22 to adopt a resolution agreeing to participate. Without such a resolution, the county sales tax will be collected on all purchases. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY- APRIL 26, 2012. HISTORY-** Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 26, 2012, Act # 2012-256

**SB136- Sen. Paul Bussman-**Storm shelters- This law excludes certain prefabricated storm shelters from regulation by the Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission. It also requires storm shelter manufacturers to post a \$20,000 surety bond with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). AEMA is also given oversight over all storm shelters, both community and residential. This oversight includes authority to perform random inspections. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY- APRIL 24, 2012. HISTORY-** Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 26, 2012, Act # 2012-224

**SB208- Sen. Arthur Orr-** Controlled substances, Schedule I, cathinone compounds, synthetic cannabinoid, controlled analog substances, included and subject to regulation and penalties, penalties for trafficking in controlled analog substances, Sec. 13A-12-214.1, 13A-12-231, 20-2-23, am'd (2012-20047). **EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2012- Signed by Governor Robert Bentley on April 30, 2012. Act# 2012-267.**



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## SMOKEY BEAR PROMOTES WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION

*By District 8 Director Ray Hogans*

Fathers Day weekend in Foley Al. the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival was held and sponsored by the City of Foley and the Foley Fire and Rescue. At this event the Alabama Forestry was on hand with their wildfire prevention display and the Smokey Bear balloon.

Chief Joey Darby was on hand with his department personnel in support of the event these firefighters were involved with the full operation of the event and were visible at every turn. Chief Darby took time to visit with me for a few minutes and advised of the weekend events to take place. Joey filled me in on the Balloon activity and of the times and events that were scheduled.

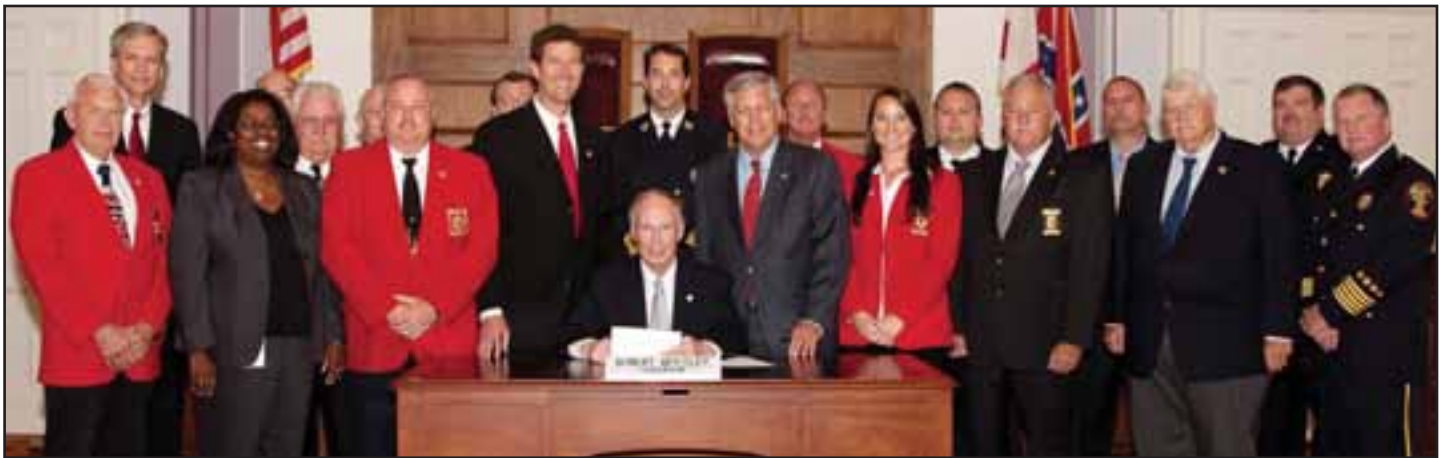
At this years event they had some 50 plus hot-air Balloon pilots registered and a number of events and flights were planed for the weekend. For Saturday night weather permitting they have a flight and balloon lighting planned.

A large number of vendors and games for the children

were on hand for the public to take advantage of for the event.



*Smokey Bear makes an appearance at the Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival in Foley, Alabama.*



*Governor Robert Bentley signs Senate Bill 134, establishing the Alabama Fire College's independence from post-secondary education on June 6, 2012. Those pictured above are members of the Alabama Fire College Task Force established by Senator Gerald Allen and Representative John Merrill.*



*Governor Robert Bentley signs HB 5, expanding the State Firefighter Death Benefit. From Left to Right: Dist. 9 Director Jimmy Looney, President Chauncey Wood, AFC Forester Mike Older, Allan Rice Alabama Fire College, Representative John Merrill, Tony Freeman, Jeffrey Stubbs, Representative Mike Jones, Dist. 10 Director Mike Green, and Buck Lee.*



*Governor Robert Bentley signs HB 11, setting up health insurance for line of duty death surviving spouse/dependents. From Left to Right: Dist. 9 Director Jimmy Looney, Exec. Asst. Whitney McClelland, President Chauncey Wood, Dept. of Corrections Chief Deputy Commissioner Jeff Williams, Gov. Robert Bentley, Rep. Kurt Wallace, Dist. 10 Director Mike Green, Chief Brian Stillwell, and Chief Shane Fulmer.*



## FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL ED PAULK

As we enjoy our beautiful summer weather let's keep our personal safety and fire prevention ever vigilant. Remember the effects of our weather both for health reasons and the fact that this time of year is traditionally dry, creating the threat of fires. In our daily lives we need to lead by example and practice fire safety. Let's teach our neighbors to know two ways out of every building or structure they enter. Let's teach the principals of fire safety in our daily lives and prevent fires. If every firefighter becomes involved with teaching fire safety we will have a major impact on the number of fires, fire fatalities, and property loss.



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### DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN		8 of 10
CHEROKEE	100%	13 of 13
DEKALB	100%	25 of 25
ETOWAH	100%	23 of 23
JACKSON	100%	21 of 21
MADISON	100%	17 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

### DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON		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
LOWNDES	100%	10 of 10
MACON		2 of 10
MONTGOMERY	100%	8 of 8
RUSSELL	100%	11 of 11

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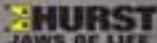
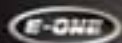


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## RURAL LEE COUNTY RESIDENTS APPROVE FIRE FEE INCREASE

It wasn't even close. Residents in rural Lee County approved a proposal increasing the \$25 fire fee to \$50 and renewing it for 25 more years 1,799 votes to 238 Tuesday.

"The real benefit of the fire fee is to the citizens," said John McCracken Jr., chairman Lee County Firefighter's Association. "What this means is that we can keep doing what are doing for the citizens."

McCracken said the citizens will continue to get fire, medical and rescue services in the unincorporated areas of the county at least another 25 years.

"They actually voted for themselves today, rather than us," he said. "We are just the ones doing the job."

Including absentee votes, 2,037 residents cast ballots at 16 polling places:

- Smiths Station Volunteer Fire Department (formerly known as Friendship Volunteer Fire Department), Fire District No. 1: For 653, Against 122;
- Beauregard Volunteer Fire Department, Fire District No. 2: For 521, Against 39;
- Plainview Volunteer Fire Department, Fire District No. 4: For 6, Against 0;
- Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Fire District No. 5: For 245, Against 37;
- Southwest Lee County Fire Protection Authority, Fire District No. 7: For 248, Against 30; and

- Farmville Volunteer Fire Department, Fire District No. 8: For 126, Against 10;

The fire fee, which is payable to the Lee County Revenue Commissioner at the same time property taxes are collected, is due Oct. 1, and delinquent if not paid before Jan. 1, 2013.

Beauregard Volunteer Fire Department Board Chairman Rusty Sowell said the increase will enable the board to go forward with its long-range three- to five-year plans.

"We plan to build another station down toward U.S. Highway 80, which will put everybody in our community within a five-mile radius of a station," Sowell said. "We will be able to upgrade our equipment."



## PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT PUTTING YOUR TAX DOLLARS BACK IN YOUR POCKETS

The Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of a new service/rescue apparatus. The new truck is a 2012 Ford F 550 four wheel drive chassis with an eight and a half foot by twelve foot aluminum body box. The truck was built by Sunbelt Fire in Fairhope, Alabama specifically for the Pike Road Fire Department. Several months were spent designing the new Dual-Purpose truck which will replace two older vehicles that have been in service for many years. The primary function of the truck will be to carry various equipment used at fire scenes. Insurance Services Organization or I.S.O., gives Fire Departments extra credit if they have a fully equipped "service" vehicle in their fleet. This in turn helps us lower our I.S.O. rating, which directly affects most of your insurance premiums. Items such as additional air packs, axes, lights and ladders, among a host of other tools and equipment, will be carried to the fire scene via this vehicle.

In addition to the "service truck" designation mentioned above, the new truck will also serve the Department as a fully functional Rescue Unit. It is equipped with an

onboard 5kw generator to supply scene lighting and run various electrical rescue tools. It also has an extrication (jaws-of-life) unit with various tools for pushing, pulling, prying and cutting. These extrication tools assist in removal of trapped victims, not only in vehicle accidents, but from many other types of accidents also.

Please visit the Pike Road Fire Department web site at [www.pikeroadfire.com](http://www.pikeroadfire.com) for additional information on the fire department.





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Allison Automatic  
Waterous 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Poly Tank  
6000W Folding Light Tower



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Waterous 1250 GPM Top-Mount Pump  
750 Gallon Polypropylene Tank  
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500 Gallon Poly Tank



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## URIAH VFD CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

BY: JOSH DEWBERRY, *Journal Staff Writer*

Local and state emergency personnel were on hand as Uriah Volunteer Fire Department members celebrated the 50th anniversary of the agency's founding and a piece of steel recovered from the World Trade Center following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks was on display.

The event Saturday morning was held at the station just south of the intersection of Alabama highways 21 and 59 with several dozen people in attendance, and Chief Eddie Snow announced plans to construct a second station south of Uriah on Hwy. 59. He said the new station means all residents served by the department will be within five miles of a station.

He said after the station is built he will request a new ISO inspection for a possible new rating below their already good Class 6, which will benefit homeowners with their insurance costs.

The department was formed in 1962 when the water system was established, and O.T. Bradford was the first chief, serving until 1980 when Art Elliott was named chief.

Elliott was on hand, and Snow presented him with plaque naming him as honorary lifetime chief.

Charles Murphy was chief in 1990, and Roger Jay held the post in 1991 and 1992. Snow served from 1993 to 1999, and Robert Smith was chief from 1999-2003. Snow took over again in 2003 and has served since.

Snow outlined the major events in the department's history, including the construction of the current station in 1991 and the bank note burning on the building just five years later, the addition of an EMT first responder team in 1993 and the Jaws of Life team in 1998.

"It's been a very busy 50 years," Snow said. "Looking back at all the calls that we have responded to, there is no way to erase the memory of those calls that didn't turn out positive. But I can tell you that because of the efforts of many of you standing here today there have been many homes and lives saved. And because of that I say thank you

on behalf of this community."

Snow also showed off the latest addition to the department's firefighting battery: a crew cab, four-wheel-drive pickup with a 200-gallon tank and 20-gallon foam tank for brush and automobile fires. He said a \$5,000 grant made the truck possible, and thanked county firefighter association President Daniel Day and state President Chauncey Wood for their assistance.

Wood presented Tony Powell and George Snow Sr. with service medals and certificates for 50 years of service to the department, and Chief Snow presented both with plaques and embroidered jackets from the department.

Chuck Murph with the Alabama Department of Homeland Security and state EMA Director Art Faulkner, were on hand and spoke briefly.

The 9/11 steel display was set up inside the station, and is being shown in limited locations before it is placed on permanent display at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa in June.

The display features a piece of the steel beam that was found on top of Alabama native and member of Rescue 4/FDNY Terry Farrell who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks at the World Trade Center.

Snow thanked the Monroe County Rescue Squad for transporting the display.



From left, W. A. Neal, George Snow, Tony Powell, Chauncey Wood, Chief Eddie Snow, Chaplain Charlie Dixon, Dist. 7 Dir. Daniel Day. Not shown but present District 7 Alt. Director Joey Moffett (Photos by Josh Dewberry)

## ALABAMA EMA APPRECIATES THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

*Art Faulkner - Director*

CLANTON-The response effort following the April 27, 2011 storms required support from the "whole community" and one key component within this whole community concept are the volunteer fire departments across the state. The Federal Emergency Management Agency illustrates this idea well; this larger collective emergency management team includes, not only FEMA and its partners at the federal level, but also local, tribal, state and territorial partners; non-governmental organizations like faith-based and non-profit groups and



private sector industry; to individuals, families and communities, who continue to be the nation's most important assets as first responders during a disaster.

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency is grateful for this partnership and their valued knowledge. The AAVFD has played a tremendous role with the passage of bills that involves making sure Alabama citizens are better prepared for the future disasters; such as the no sales tax bill on emergency preparedness supplies and SB-136 which ensures storm shelters are safely manufactured and installed.



## CERT A NEW ADDITION TO THE PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Pike Road Fire Department encourages citizens to be prepared for emergencies. A natural disaster can happen without warning. Pike Road is no exception. But what is scarier than fires, is that too many people do not realize they are unprepared for a natural disaster until it is too late. In an effort to be prepared in the community, the Pike Road Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary organized a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class through the Montgomery County EMA. The CERT class was taught by Montgomery County EMA Director, Mike Stoudenmier.

CERT is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Citizen Corp Program. CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. The CERT class is a seven week course and participants were trained in what to do during a disaster and how to be mentally prepared. Instructional focus is on first aid, search and rescue, fire suppression and disaster psychology. The class teaches members looking to be properly trained on how to be prepared for an emergency in Pike Road.

On June 7, the Pike Road Fire Department graduated a new round of volunteers who have been trained to help rescue workers when disaster strikes. A total of twenty-one participants invested a little time and a little effort to be prepared in their community. The Pike Road Fire Department CERT is made up of ladies auxiliary members and affiliates of the Pike Road Fire Department.

The CERT will be reinforcement to the Pike Road Fire Department, Montgomery County EMA and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. This devoted, committed and exceptional team of men and women may be activated in the event of a natural disaster, crises or other major event. The team would like to stress to area citizens the importance of getting involved and emergency preparedness.

CERT members who completed the course include:

Carol Miller, Betty Casey, Jim Miller, Debbie Green, Jeanine Hughes, Elizabeth Staten, Tony Staten, Amber Staten, Emily Bunnell, Anne Ward, Jerry Ward, Jessica Shaw, Brad Shaw, Rose Amerson, Emily Powell, Ben Powell, Jimmy Grubbs, Judy Grubbs, Dana Nation, Amanda Davis and Britt Grubbs.

If a disaster strikes the Pike Road area, the Pike Road Fire Department CERT is prepared to respond. For more information on the Pike Road Fire Department, please visit our website at [www.pikeroadfire.com](http://www.pikeroadfire.com).



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## PEA RIDGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Although the rain clouds put a damper on the day, the speakers, citizens and visitors attended the celebration of the fire departments 40th year of existence for the Pea Ridge community. Life Flight sent a helicopter for the guests to see up close and personal. The CAFAWA Smoke House was available for the children and adults to experience between raindrops and Smokey Bear made a personal appearance also. Several Fire departments sent apparatus to be displayed for the public to visit. Inside the Senior Building which was the original Mayberry School House, the guests signed up for the Yellow Dot Program that helps fire rescue assist accident victims with medical information that is located in the glove compartment of autos, Forestry Commission made available goody bags that contained vital information for guests who live in the rural community, and a historical table display of the fire departments growth. The Steel Beam from the World Trade Towers display was the center display for all to experience. Everyone had the opportunity to touch, feel and be a part of its historical significance. The speakers for the event were Jon Parker-District Commissioner and former Fire Chief of Pea Ridge Fire and Rescue, who gave the history of the fire department and Senator Cam Ward, who presented a resolution from the State on the recognition of the department's service to the community. Past fire chiefs of the department and the Women's Auxillary were recognized for their outstanding service over the years. After the speakers finished everyone had refreshments- fire department cake with eat-

able trucks! But most importantly the other State Agencies that assist the department were recognized because without their assistance our department could not do it's job for the community.

Overall the citizens who rely on a Volunteer Fire Department must realize that we are there to serve them in every capacity that they can imagine. After all we live by God's word: "No greater love has no man than this, to lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13



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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 dept. patch for our office "Wall of Patches". New patches have come from Tallassee Association, Monroeville Fire & Rescue, Troy, Alabama Fire & Montgomery Emergency communications. Please send your department patch if you haven't already done so.

Alan Syler has been named the new Assistant EMA Director for Covington County. Syler has served in the post on a voluntary capacity & as a Covington County sheriff's deputy since 2008. He began on June 1, 2012 and said the job was a natural transition for him.

The Firefighters Burn Fund, Inc. is a 501 © 3 tax deductible charity that was formed in 2007 to assist victims of fire across the nation. There is a house fire every 82 seconds in this country and the purpose of the Firefighters Burn Fund is to administer and expend funds for charitable and educational purposes to assist burn victims. These funds are used to provide burn victims with medical care, sustenance, medical supplies and equipment and educational scholarship. We currently have a fundraising campaign in Alabama, and other states as well, to raise funds to assist victims of fire and it is our intention to use proceeds raised in Alabama to assist victims in the state. If you know of a burn victim in

need of assistance please refer to our toll free phone number @ 877-643-0122 or email us at [fireburnfund@aol.com](mailto:fireburnfund@aol.com) for more information.

**Looking for money - It's yours to claim VFD's and Rescue Squads, [www.moneyquestalabama.com](http://www.moneyquestalabama.com)**

Turn out gear acquisition opportunity for VFD's- The link below is to a National Volunteer Fire Council website where volunteer fire departments can apply for up to 12 sets of turn out gear. This donation opportunity is being provided by the Globe Insurance Co. in celebration of their 125 anniversary. <http://www.nvfc.org/resources/grants/globe-gear-donation-program/>

Talladega County - Please accept our sincere apology for omitting you out of the Jan.-March 2012 edition of The Volunteer. It was an oversight on our part as we failed to register your Department in the listing of paid dues. Words cannot express how truly sorry we are for the inconvenience that we caused. We are committed to serving you and thank you for your membership.

Killen Fire Rescue hosted a basic & advanced vehicle extrication class on April 16, 2012 to April 28, 2012.

## AAVFD LADIES AUXILIARY - A NEW DIRECTION

An organizational meeting will be held during the upcoming conference (August 3 & 4) in Tuscaloosa to organize a state wide ladies auxiliary. In addition to the organizational meeting, ladies who are members of local auxiliaries will be sharing their ideas on how to develop, run and become an outstanding fire department ladies auxiliary.

The state wide annual conference is a great time for ladies auxiliary members to network and share ideas with other auxiliaries throughout the state. Through these brief get-togethers we can evolve long lasting relationships and friendships and develop a support system.

The aim of the state wide ladies auxiliary is to make the organization a strong support system for the AAVFD and for everyone actively engaged in fire service within the state of Alabama. For the fire service to support you, you have to support the fire service. One of the best ways of support is a ladies auxiliary. Does your department have an auxiliary? We can help you set up an auxiliary, help you keep it running and suggest ways to improve it. By establishing and using an auxiliary, you can support the fire-

fighters and creating a state wide ladies auxiliary will make our state association stronger.

We challenge each of you, even if you not a member of a local fire department ladies auxiliary, to join us in creating a state wide ladies auxiliary. With enough enthusiasm and support the response will be affirmative. With enough members, the fire service in Alabama will be stronger and a "family affair." We look forward to meeting you at the conference.

For additional information on the upcoming meeting, you may contact the following: **Debbie Green** (President Pike Road VFD Ladies Auxiliary) at [debbiegreen@pikeroad-fire.com](mailto:debbiegreen@pikeroad-fire.com) (334) 277-2153 or **Doris Jackson** (Ivalee VFD Ladies Auxiliary) at [djacksonj@bellsouth.net](mailto:djacksonj@bellsouth.net) (256) 538-2471 or **Carol Kitchens** (President Turkey Heaven VFD Ladies Auxiliary) at [carolkitch@mac.com](mailto:carolkitch@mac.com) (256) 748-4056.

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# WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

Woodmen of the World was founded in 1890 as a Fraternal Benefit Organization. Our organization holds patriotism very close to our values and beliefs. Woodmen is the second largest presenter of American Flags outside of the United States Government. We present flags to schools, churches and other non-profits and civic organizations. Woodmen also remembers September 11th every year by remembering and honoring those that died and gave their lives in the call of duty. In 2011, Woodmen presented 10-year remembrance flags to local fire and police departments and local municipalities.

Woodmen also strives to teach today's youth about the importance of patriotism. We provide schools with an American Patriot's Handbook, which covers historical information, from the U.S. Constitution to the Declaration of Independence to information on every U.S. President up to the current President. Woodmen also teaches the importance of flag care and retirement by participating in a flag retirement ceremony every year at youth camp.

Woodmen of the World will pay a \$10,000 fraternal death benefit if a qualified member is killed while performing his or her duties as a non-military first responder. To be eligible for this benefit, an individual must be a good standing benefit member. First Responders include firefighters, EMT/paramedics, police or a person performing a supporting role to such individuals.

Woodmen of the World has presented U.S. Flags to the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments since 2008 for a line of duty death, occupational disease and heart

attack death to all fallen firefighters. We have also supplied flags to six regions of the AAVFD Honor Guard.

For more information on Woodmen of the World, go to [www.woodmen.org](http://www.woodmen.org), [www.facebook.com/wowsouthalabama](http://www.facebook.com/wowsouthalabama), or call (334) 244-9695.



*Tammy Tillery of Woodmen of the World presents an American Flag to AAVFD President Chauncey Wood.*

District 6 – Barbour County

## BAKER HILL VFD CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

On April 21, 2012 the Baker Hill VFD had a 40th birthday celebration. President Chauncey D. Wood, III was on hand to award firefighter Robert Bryan the life time achievement award and also a proclamation of his services from Governor Robert J. Bentley. Mr. Robert is the only active founding member left in the department and also has served with Baker Hill Rescue Squad since 1986 as a Basic EMT. He has served as assistant chief and treasurer under four chiefs. Robert is still active in the fundraisers and bingo the department holds every Saturday night. Baker Hill Fire & Rescue members provided him with a clock and cards for his dedication to the department.



*Captain James Register, Robert Bryan, President Wood, Chief Brandon Green*

## HONORARY VOLUNTEER BADGE PRESENTED TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KAY IVEY

District 10 Director, Mike Green, along with Smokey Bear aka: President Chauncey Wood present Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey with a talking Smokey Bear and honorary volunteer firefighter gold badge during the 2012 regular Legislative Session. Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey is a **Huge Supporter** for the volunteer firefighters of Alabama.



*Smokey Bear, Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey, and District 10 Director Mike Green*

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I first volunteered with the Columbus fire department in Columbus Mississippi in 1966, where I was a Junior Fire Fighter at the down town station. After joining the military I served in Georgia with Muscogee County, in Alabama with Seal VFD, in Tennessee with two different departments around Clarksville

Tn. Again in Georgia with the MAST program and the Ga. EMS. I served as nation committee member for the MAST program for 2 years. I also served as a Medical Evacuation Pilot with the MAST program in Texas and as a aerial water

drop for wildland forest fire prevention, while stationed at Ft. Hood Tx. I have served with the Belleview VFD in Pensacola Fl. as a fire fighter and with the Emergency Medical team. After moving to Lillian, I became a fire fighter in the Lillian VFD and served as a Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief for a total of 23 years in this department before retiring from this department. I now serve with Josephine VFD as the Training Officer. I have served, 2 years as AAVFD District 8 Alternate Director and 2 years as AAVFD District 8 Director.

I have the following training, basic fire fighting, advanced fire fighting, fire officer I, fire officer II, pump operator, aerial, AMED, Emergency Medical, BLS Instructor, CPR & AED, Master training Specialist, Extrication Instructor, Arson Investigator Trained, NIMS-100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800, and 900. I am a SCBA Factory Certified repair Technician from Inter-spiro. I am retired from the US Army as a Master Aviator Warrant Officer, Retired Civil Service Flight Instructor / Instrument Flight Program Manager for DoD. I now serve as the President for FL.8 Red Knights Fire Fighters Motorcycle Club. Over 46 years of fire service and still serving!!!

### FRANKLIN COUNTY MEDALS OF HONOR AWARDED TO VOLUNTEERS ON MAY 14TH AT VINA FIRE/ RESCUE



*Pictured in Photo: L to R: John James, AL. Fire College, Fire Marshal Ed Paulk, EMA Director Art Faulkner, Rep. Johnny Mack Morrow, Senator Roger Bedford, Franklin Co. Vol. Fire Assn. President Michael Moomaw, Franklin County Sheriff Shannon Oliver & AAVFD President Chauncey Wood.*



*District 9 Director Jimmy Looney confers with North Vice-President Derrick Gatlin during the Awards Presentation.*

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## 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2012 Annual AAVFD Conference will be hosted by the District Three Association in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Registration will be \$25.00 per person. Please have turned in by July 21, 2012. Registration at the conference will be \$30.00.

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

Competition events will be announced later!!

The awards banquet will be nearby at the Bobby Miller Activity Center on Saturday night.

Motel Information: Host Motel: Ramada Inn 631 Skyland Blvd E. 1-800-272-6232

Room rates-\$59.00 a night (Ramada Inn only)

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## 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Friday, August 3, 2012

9:00 am - 5:00 pm .....Registration at the Alabama Fire College  
Noon - 1:00 pm .....Lunch on your own  
Noon - 5:00 pm .....Vendors at Alabama Fire College  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm .....Board of Directors Meeting – Alabama Fire College  
6:00 pm .....Cookout at Alabama Fire College  
(Bring your name tag)

### Saturday, August 4, 2012

7:00 am - 8:00 am .....Competition Registration at Alabama Fire College  
8:00 am - 8:30 am .....Competition Captains Meeting at Alabama Fire College  
8:00 am - until .....Registration at the Alabama Fire College  
8:00 am - 10:00 am .....Children's Fishing Competition at Alabama Fire College  
8:30 am - Noon .....Competition at Alabama Fire College  
Noon - 1:00 pm .....Lunch on your own  
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm .....Annual Business Meeting at Alabama Fire College  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm .....Awards Banquet at Bobby Miller Center  
(Bring your name tag)  
9:30 pm - 12:30 pm .....Social Time Ramada Inn

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Firefighter of the Year and Sherry Garner Memorial Award  
nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on July 16th. Don't miss an  
opportunity to recognize a firefighter who has done an outstanding  
job in the volunteer fire service. These awards will be presented at  
the annual Conference in Tuscaloosa on August 4th.



# THE BELL TOLLED

**Justin Gillen**, Brierfield VFD, Bibb County, Passed away March 27, 2012 in a motorcycle accident. Justin was 27 years old and leaves behind a wife and two young children.

**Bobby Bozeman**, Beulah VFD, Lee County, Former firefighter passed away unexpectedly April 5, 2012.

**Walter Allen Day**, Frisco City Fire & Rescue, Monroe County, Passed away unexpectedly April 6, 2012. Allen was a long time firefighter and rescue squad member.

**Lucian Tidwell**, Former White Oak VFD Fire Chief, Colbert County, Passed away on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

**James "Woody" Johnson**, Autaugaville VFD, Autauga County, Passed away May 23, 2012. He was a member of the Autaugaville VFD for over 40 years.

**Billy Limbrick**, Langston VFD, Jackson County, Passed away unexpectedly of a massive heart attack on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

**Gary Oliver**, Hatton VFD, Lawrence County, Passed away June 4, 2012. He was a fire fighter and board member of the Hatton VFD.

**Chris Vandiver**, Littleville VFD, Colbert County, Passed away June 19, 2012 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Chris was an explorer and had been a volunteer firefighter for six months. He was 19 years old.

**Nathan Berry**, Friendship VFD, Escambia County, Passed away on Thursday, June 21, 2012 in a motorcycle accident. Nathan, a paramedic, was only 22 years old. He leaves behind a wife, a fourteen month old son, and a baby due in September.

**William Martin "Billy" Barnes**, Shorterville VFD, Henry County, Passed away June 26, 2012 from cancer. Billy was Assistant Chief and member of the Shorterville VFD for 19 years, he was also a Henry County Commissioner and Vice President of Henry County Fire Association.

**Rusty Till**, Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, passed away June 26, 2012 after an extended battle with cancer. Rusty was a FF/EMT and a former Chief with 20 plus years at Frisco City VFD.

## CONDOLENCES

*We extend our condolences to Lieutenant Doug Coan of the Tharptown VFD, whose mother Betty Coan passed away on April 19, 2012 at the age of 78. She served as a volunteer with Tharptown VFD for numerous years, helping with fundraisers and events to benefit the fire department.*

If any Volunteer Fire Department (member or not) has a firefighter die in the line of duty or as a result of a line of duty injury (examples: at the scene, going to or from the scene), notify ONE of the following IMMEDIATELY, no matter what day it is or what time of day or night: Chauncey Wood – (334) 403-0301, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, Derrick Gatlin (256) 230-3526, Dan Hopkins (256) 225-7230, or Honor Guard Commander Daniel Day – (251) 267-2527.

**A copy of the booklet "Death In Line Of Duty" may be obtained from the Montgomery office.**

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