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ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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AAVFD State Conference 2014

**Colbert County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments
August 8-9, 2014**

Events to be held at Host Hotel – Jameson Inn:

- A. Conference Registration
- B. Board Meeting on Friday August 8th
- C. Business Meeting on Saturday August 9th
- D. Social Time after Banquet Saturday night August 9th

Events to be held at North Alabama Fairgrounds:

- A. Vendor area Friday and Saturday August 8th – 9th
- B. Friday night Cookout
- C. Firefighter Competition Saturday August 9th
- D. Kid's Activities Saturday August 9th

**** The awards banquet will be held at the Sheffield Parks and Recreation Department Saturday night.**

- Pre-registration will be \$25.00 per person. Please have turned in and paid for by July 18, 2014.
- Registration at the conference will be \$30.00
- Everyone on a competition team must be registered for the conference to participate in the competition.

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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S

DESK BY

Mike Green

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe that the second quarter to the 2013-2014 term is behind us. This year seems to be moving at TURBO speed and before we know it the Annual Conference will be upon us. Please keep that in mind and plan early to attend this year. Registration information is contained within this issue and I look forward to seeing all of you again. The Colbert County Association is the host this year and as always we know this will be a great Conference!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Officers and Board members for their assistance during my transition period. Rest assured I have used their many years of experience within this association to make sure we are headed in the right direction and as ONE. I would also like to recognize the efforts of our Administrative Assistant, Wanda Jones, for the work she performs behind the scenes to keep everything in the office up to date. This is an important role and one that is invaluable to this association.

Early in this years' Legislative session we had a few bills that could have affected us and addressed life safety issues within the State. I will give you a brief synopsis of those bills and where they stand as of this date. Please remember you can get the full version, status and history of all bills at the Alabama Legislative Information Service Online (ALISON) website.

HB385 and SB327 addressed the residential fire sprinkler dilemma in the state. These bills, if passed, would have allowed the State Fire Marshall to issue permits to certain potable water single-family dwelling fire protection sprinkler contractors. I have already given you its' fate in the sentence above by using "would have" as these bills were killed by lobbyist from several groups AGAIN! Hopefully the formation of a committee to study this concept "prior to" the next session and submit recommendations to the Legislative body will give it NEW life the next time around. HB85 was an effort to fund the Firefighters Annuity and Benefits Fund by placing an additional \$5 fee on each firefighter tag issued in the state. The bill was introduced on January 14th and was "very" short lived. SB264 may have very well played a role in the death of HB85, and vice versa, when it was introduced on January 23rd. This bill "would have" increased from 1 to 2 the number of tags issued to volunteer firefighters that are exempt from licenses fees and ad valorem taxes. It too was very short lived before stalling in committee. HB68 is the final piece of legislation that may affect us IF it has strong legs. This bill is drafted to protect volunteers (fire and rescue) from civil liability when responding to calls of an emergency medical services nature. The bill was introduced by the AARS who in turn included volunteer firefighters in its language. Finally, I am sorry to have to report that if ongoing budget hearings do not take a positive turn WE will see negative numbers on our forestry grant checks next year. That line item has been tentatively cut by 367,465 dollars. That will equate to a decrease of approximately \$20 per department across the board. I am keeping an eye on this and talking to everyone I can to keep this from happening. I encourage everyone to call their Representatives and ask them to support the VFD's across the state! The "squeaky wheel gets the grease". (And the cash)!

You that know me well have long realized that firefighter safety is of the utmost importance to me. With that in mind I will leave you with an alarming statistic and request. "According to the U. S. Fire Administration, annually nationwide nearly a quarter of firefighter fatalities took place while firefighters were driving to calls. Vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of firefighter fatalities second only to heart attacks." I ask that each of you PLEASE review/refine your Driver Training S.O.G.s and be absolutely certain that you are doing ALL you can do to make sure one of your members does not become a national statistic!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND KEEP YOU SAFE: EVERY DAY, EVERY RUN.

Mike W. Green



Standing by our Firefighters: State Auxiliary

Established in 2012, the State of Alabama Volunteer Firefighters Association Auxiliary is made of members throughout the state. We are a group of caring individuals that support the AAVFD and local volunteer fire departments. We work to help make a difference in the fire service throughout the state. In the process, we have the opportunity to bond with each other through service, creating lasting relationships.

With the annual conference four months away, the auxiliary is busy with their fund raisers: silent auction, dollar donation for a chance to win various items and bake sale. The auxiliary will have a table with items displayed on the fairgrounds along with other vendors.

This will mark the second year the Auxiliary has sponsored a booth during the conference. The Auxiliary members donated the items and baked goods for the conference last year. We were pleased with our first ever fund raiser and hope this year's event will even be more successful. Donations are also accepted from others. If you would like to donate baked goods, items for the silent auction or items for a drawing, we would be humbled by your generosity. Many donations come from businesses in the form of gift certificates or products, but anyone can show support by creating gift baskets or handmade items. Theme Baskets are popular. Please contact one of our officers and make arrangements for details and other arrangements. Officers are as follows: President -Debbie Green (334) 277-2153; Vice-President Doris Jackson (256) 613-2120; Treasurer -Della Wade (251) 666-1417 or Secretary Rindy Vaughn (205) 392-9016.

For those of you who may not be aware, the Auxiliary is donating door prizes for the conference this year. In addition, we recently made a contribution to an AAVFD family member that is undergoing health issues and unable to work at this time.

The Auxiliary is pleased to assist with the upcoming conference and to assist the AAVFD and firefighters/first responders throughout the state. We are also thankful for the support of the AAVFD and citizens throughout the state.

State Auxiliary Member Named Tillman's Corner Chamber Citizen of the Year (Mobile County)

Della Wade was selected as Tillman's Corner Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2013. She was honored a banquet at TC Community Center on January 31.

Wade was nominated for her volunteer work in the community. She is described as a hard-working lady, always willing to help where she is needed.

As a member of the chamber board, she handles luncheon fees and door prizes at the group's monthly meetings and assists with other events, such as Business After Hours. She has been a volunteer with the Theodore-Tillman Corner's VFD for over fifteen years, doing everything from fundraising to cleaning the building. She also serves as treasurer for the AAVFD auxiliary. Wade gives much of her time to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and currently serves as captain of her team at Tillman's Corner Wal-Mart, where she is employed.



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COOSADA FIREFIGHTERS HONORED AT APPRECIATION DINNER

[ELMORE COUNTY]

A community came together Thursday, December 19, 2013 to thank the volunteer firefighters of Coosada VFD for their dedication and support to the community. An appreciation dinner was held at the Coosada Community Center attended by firefighters, Coosada Mayor Connie Hand and AAVFD President Mike Green.

AAVFD President Mike Green served as the guest speaker for the evening. He thanked the firefighters for all they do for the community. Green said, "Firefighters make a sacrifice each day and they spend time away from family and other activities to serve their community. Fire fighting is a brotherhood." He also encouraged everyone to be safe and remember safety skills they were taught.

Chief W. R. Monfee thanked his department for their hard work and dedication; not only for serving the community, but the department recently underwent their ISO inspection. The department received a 5-9. Each volunteer firefighter was recognized and certificates presented to each. The firefighter of the year was presented to Chris Pomeroy. Pomeroy was instrumental in assisting with the ISO inspection.

FIREFIGHTER & SHERRY GARNER AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

Nominations are currently open for the Firefighter of the Year and the Sherry Garner Memorial Award. Nominations must be received no later than June 13, 2014 in the AAVFD office. Do not miss an opportunity to nominate a firefighter who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in the volunteer fire service. Both awards will be presented during the annual conference in Colbert County on August 9. Also, please remember to mail in scholarship application by June 13, 2014 to the AAVFD office. If you have any questions regarding firefighter of the year or scholarship nominations, please feel free to call the office at (334) 262-2833.

Coosada VFD is made up of eighteen members. They operate out of one fire station. The department averages a little over two hundred calls per year. Coosada VFD is one of the few departments in Elmore County to run rescue calls along with fire.

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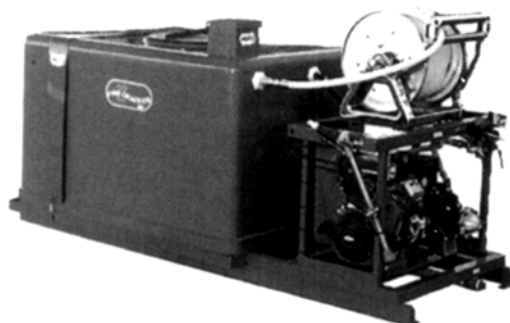
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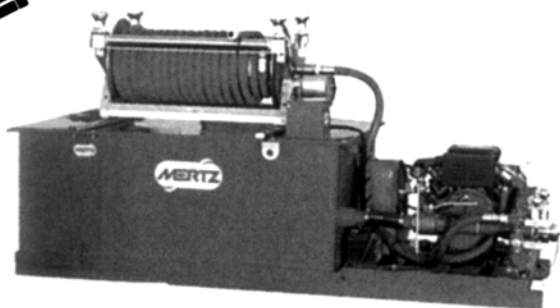


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EASTABOGA FIRE CHIEF AUSTIN DULANEY HELPED FOUND DEPARTMENT

[Calhoun County]

Volunteer Fire Chief Austin Maxwell Dulaney Jr. was the foundation of the Eastaboga Volunteer Fire Department. He built the agency from the ground-up more than 38 years ago. Dulaney dedicated his life to serving the citizens of the Eastaboga community.

Dulaney died from lung cancer on Jan. 11, 2014 and though he is gone, the department he helped established will continue to serve the citizens.

"He was a gem and anybody that knew him knows we lost a good one," said his daughter, Stephanie Dulaney.

Eastaboga currently has 24 volunteer firefighters. A special meeting and an election will be held to decide who will be the next fire chief, Stephanie Dulaney said.



BRUNDIDGE VFD WELCOMES NEW PUMPER TRUCK [PIKE COUNTY]

The Brundidge Volunteer Fire Department has purchased a 3,000-gallon pumper fire truck with funds provided through a 95-5 percent matching Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) FEMA grant.

The total cost of the truck was \$246,890 with the Brundidge VFD picking up 5 percent of the cost. Brundidge used funds to match from their share of the tobacco tax.

The Brundidge VFD now has three Class A pumper trucks, an equipment truck and two brush trucks that are used primarily for fighting brush fires.

Fire Chief Glen Adkins said his department responded to between 100 to 130 house and brush fires and mutual aide calls in 2013. The department has 11 eleven volunteers.

The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

ALABAMA EMT SELECTED BY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS FOR CONSULTATION/EDUCATION

Representatives of the Philippine National Red Cross have selected Jeff Byars, NREMT, of Cullman, AL, as an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) consultant. The purpose of this role is to improve the Philippine EMS System and assist with EMS Education. Jeff is one of three representatives from the United States selected to meet with the Philippine Officials in an effort to improve their EMS system. Jeff was selected based on his background in rural EMS, including rural EMS education and small scale EMS budgets. In addition to his 21 years as a Licensed EMT in Alabama, he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from UAB.

D. Lawrence Daniels, PhD, RN, CPNP, NREMT-P and Adam Gwynn -I, both of Virginia, were selected for this role. The three will spend several weeks in the Philippines later this month, working to improve an EMS system that covers a country consisting of over 7,100 islands. The Philippines is also known to be one of the most disaster prone countries in the world.

Jeff currently serves as a District 2 Vice President of the Alabama EMT Association, representing Cullman, Blount and Jefferson Counties. He also serves as EMS Officer for the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments and EMS Captain of Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department in Cullman. The AAVFD is proud to have one of our own representing our state in such a prestigious role. We wish Jeff good luck and safe travels.

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Onan, 3,000 Watt Generator



1997 Ferrara Spartan Custom Pumper

Cummins 325 HP Diesel Engine
Waterous 1250 GPM Pump
750 Gallon Poly Tank



1994 KME Firefox Custom Pumper

Detroit 350 HP Diesel Engine
Hale 1250 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Fiberglass Tank



**2009 Smeal Spartan Custom
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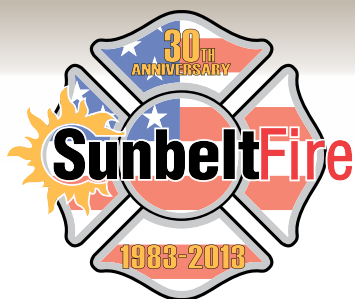
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PIKE ROAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS AWARDS TO STELLAR VOLUNTEERS [Montgomery County]

Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department (PRVFD) celebrated their annual appreciation dinner and ceremony on February 22, 2014 to honor firefighters and community partners whose actions over the last year deserve special recognition. The theme for the event was "Blazing with Pride." Among the attendees were firefighters and their guest, Mayor Gordon Stone, Chief Deputy Derrick Cunningham, Councilman Chris Dunn. The ceremony was held at Woodland UMC Fellowship Hall.

Guest speaker was Jimmy Conner. Conner is a section Chief with the Alabama Fire College who oversees training throughout the state. He commended all firefighters for their service and dedication to the fire service. Conner stated he was pleased with the number of firefighters who have completed courses through the Fire College.

"Every day our firefighters work hard and save lives," said Fire Chief Mike Green. "Sometimes situations arise that requires one to go above and beyond the call of duty, and this is a great opportunity to thank each person for an outstanding job. Pike Road Fire is a dynamic and innovative fire department dedicated to providing top-quality service with dedication, respect and accountability."



Award Winners - L to R: Dana Grubbs, Andrew Parker, Robbie Olesen, BJ Green & Fire Chief Mike Green

Award categories this year include: Firefighter of the Year, Chiefs Award, Outstanding Service Award and Major Miles Award.

Firefighter **Robbie Olesen** was the recipient of the **Major Miles Award**. He was recognized for his unrelenting commitment to the department. **BJ Green** was presented the **Fire Chief's Award**. He received the award for his persistence and support of the department and to those who call upon the department for aid.

Outstanding Service Award was presented to **Dana Grubbs**. She received the award for her dedication to the department and the citizens served by the department. **Firefighter of the Year** was firefighter **Andrew Parker**. Parker is a full-time firefighter with the Department. This award was voted on by the members of the department who they believe exemplifies what firefighting is all about – dedication, hard work, and teamwork.

The 2013 top ten fire and EMS responders of 2013 were also recognized. These members include: **Barry Glassford, Josh Peacock, BJ Green, Andrew Parker, Robbie Olesen, David Hughes, Drew Krantz, Blake Cohen, Joel Cohen and John McClelland.**

The Town of Pike Road, Montgomery County Sherriff Office and County Commissioner Reed Ingram were presented Community Service Partnership Awards in honor of their excellence in partnership, exemplary commitment and valuable contribution to the PRVFD.

The Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1978, includes 50 volunteers and four paid full-time personnel. The department operates out of six fire stations.

Led by Chief Mike Green, the department serves a 98 square mile area and answered 350 calls in 2013. The department shares mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments and the City of Montgomery.



PRVFD Top 10 fire & rescue responders



PRVFD Ladies Auxiliary

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HONOR GUARD

Organized in 2008, the Montgomery County Honor Guard is made of firefighters from South Montgomery County VFD and Pike Road VFD. These individuals volunteer their time to belong to this unit.

On March 8, 2014, members of the Montgomery County Honor Guard along with AAVFD President, Mike Green, gathered at Kabuki Restaurant for an honor guard meeting. Officer in charge, Marion Ellis, South Montgomery County VFD, conducted the meeting. A brief discussion of the past years progress was held. This group is also currently looking to expand and increase membership. Mrs. Ellis plans to visit other departments in efforts to recruit additional members.

The Honor Guard trains regularly. They take part in funerals and are available for presentations of flags at memorial services and to post at funerals for current and former fire department members in the area. In addition, the Montgomery County Honor Guard has been honored to participate in local and state events.

To inquire about requesting Honor Guard services, joining the Montgomery County Unit or event participation contact Marion Ellis at (334) 562-7990 or cell (334) 850-4634 or email marion@mon-cre.net.



{Wilcox County}

SNOW HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief John Scott and the members of the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of a 1984 Spartan pumper equipped with a 1250-gpm pump, 750-gallon poly tank with lifetime warranty, 4KW gas generator, (2) 500 watt lift quartz lights, Code 3 light bar, electronic siren, 24' and 14' ladders and misc. equipment. Chief Scott said the old Ward LaFrance pumper had a major leak in its water tank, and, this newer truck has a poly tank with lifetime warranty. The truck

was sold by Great Lakes Pre-owned Fire Apparatus Inc. of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ELMORE COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION

The Elmore County Firefighters Association is in Phase One of constructing a training tower at their location in Wetumpka. This tower will serve the county fire departments in a central location. Phase One will provide the county fire departments with a three story tower. Once Phase One is complete the association will start securing funds for Phase Two of the project. Phase Two will include a fourth and maybe fifth floor. It will also provide means for rope training as well. It will also include streets and sidewalks.

Elmore County is currently hosting a Volunteer Firefighter Class with about 30 personnel at this facility. Chief Steve Dennis from the Friendship Fire Department is the lead instructor and coordinator. Phase One of the tower should be complete in time for this class to utilize it.



WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS HONORED WITH ANNUAL AWARDS

The Washington County Association of Volunteer Fire Department presented its annual awards on December 9, 2013.

The association recognized Damon Kirkland with the Ronnie Brown EMS Award, Kevin Chance with the Dewey Reynolds Chief Award, Stephen Gibson as firefighter of the year, Terry Huff II as fire officer of the year, the Millry Volunteer Fire Department as fire department of the year and Mathews Strickland with the Rodney Renfroe Junior Firefighter of the Year Award.



Stephen Gibson, firefighter of the year, left, gets his award from Charlie Carpenter, president of the Washington County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments.



Kevin Chance, left, is presented with the Dewey Reynolds Chief Award from Carpenter at the Annual awards banquet Monday night.



Matthew Strickland, left, gets the Rodney Renfroe Junior Firefighter of the Year Award from Carpenter.

Kirkland and Chance of the Red Creek Volunteer Fire Department were nominated for their outstanding work. Kirkland is responsible for the department's rescue program and aftercare program, which checks on a patient's progress as well as training others to become a first responder. Chance was nominated for his faithful attendance at training and meetings along with responding to calls in Red Creek and surrounding areas. Each made great strides in educating students at Millry High School during annual fire prevention program on campus.

Gibson, 18, who is in high school in Jackson, plans to attend the Alabama Fire College to become a firefighter. He was honored for his efforts with the Leroy VFD and helping neighboring community fire departments and ambulance services. He has also helped train other junior firefighters.

Huff, of the McIntosh VFD, has served his community through fire and rescue services. The Millry VFD has improved to 25 members after renewing its focus on recruiting and training quality firefighters. It has also added a dedicated rescue vehicle and a new Class-A pumper. The department has sent firefighters for certification, atmospheric and live burn simulation.

Strickland, 17, of St. Stephens has been with the department for five years.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Lauderdale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments hosted its annual awards banquet on Saturday, February 8th at Highland Baptist Church in Florence. Renowned ventriloquist, Steve Brogan was the entertainment for the evening.

The Collision Center, Tommy Trousdale, owner, was recognized as Business Supporter of the Year.

Scott Childers (Anderson VFD) was presented with the Parking Attendant of the Year award for his involvement with the association's 17th annual parking fundraiser at the North Alabama State Fair.

Steve McEachron, Alabama Forestry Commission, presented Mid-Lauderdale VFD with the Smokey Bear Award, which is based on the department's training, fire control, fire prevention, equipment maintenance, and cooperation.

Joe Eckl, Mid-Lauderdale VFD, was presented with the Individual Fire prevention Award for his contributions to the county fire prevention.

The Ladies Auxiliary Individual of the Year was presented to Katina Smith, Waterloo VFD.

Pam Word, Anderson VFD, was presented with the EMS Star of Life Award which recognizes individual that serve as both an active firefighter and EMT.

Randy Brown, Killen VFD, was presented with the Past Board Member Appreciation Plaque for his 12 years of service as a Board Member.

The Fire Chief of the year award was presented to Fire Chief Trent Putman, (Killen VFD) for exceptional contributions over the past year. The "People's Choice Award," also known as the Fire Department of the Year, was awarded to Rogersville VFD. The recipient of this award is selected by the association's general membership each year. Chad Powell, (Waterloo VFD) was named Explorer of the Year and Brannon Smith (Underwood-Petersville VFD) was named Rookie of the Year.

The Firefighter of the Year was presented to Nicky Kavich, Waterloo VFD, for his countless hours and dedication to his community and fire department since he was 15 years old. Nicky has held ranks of as a Firefighter, Captain, and now Assistant Chief. His leadership in his department, county and community is greatly appreciated.

LIMESTONE COUNTY VFD ANNUAL BANQUET



Seated from left to right:

Female firefighter of the year, Teresa Lovell, Owens VFD; Ricky Moore Memorial Award, Telly Marquez, Tanner VFD; Sara Hurd Award, Kathy Chittiam, West Limestone VFD; Steven Clark, Clements VFD.

Standing left to right:

Ricky Moore Memorial Award, Marty Posey, Tanner VFD; Ron Burgess, Segars VFD; Barnard Clark, Lifetime Service Award;

Donnie Spencer, Segars VFD; J.B. Rose Award, Chris Miller, Piney Chapel VFD; Barnard Clark Lifetime Service Award, Glenn Tarpley, West Limestone VFD – accepting the award is Chief Jason McMahan.

The Limestone County Honor Guard presented Clements VFD a plaque in memory of Donnie Hill. Not pictured is Male firefighter of the year Glenn Pylant from Owens VFD and Ricky Moore Memorial Award Tim Grubbs from Clements VFD.



*Limestone County Association 2014 Officers
Left to Right – President Derrick Gatlin; Secretary/Treasurer Paige Crouch; Vice-President Johnny Pritchard*

BOOTH VFD RECEIVES PUMPER

Chief Pete Crowe and the Booth Fire Department recently took delivery of this new KME/International 4 door Pumper. The apparatus has a 1500 GPM Pump, 980 Gallon Water Tank, High Side Compartments on Driver's and Officer's side of the truck, all LED emergency and scene lighting. This makes the department's second KME they have purchased in ten years. The apparatus was sold by John Wilson with NAFECO.



THE BELL TOLLED

Wayne Jeffers passed away unexpectedly on March 16, 2014. He was an active & longtime member with South Montgomery County VFD in Montgomery County. Jeffers was employed as an EMT with Haynes Ambulance Company of Montgomery.

Derrell Jernigan, age 45, passed away on February 23, 2014. He was a member of Owens VFD.

John M. Knox, age 75, passed away on February 21, 2014. He has been an active member of the Wing Volunteer Fire Department in Covington County since 1990.

Thomas Glenn Ray passed away on January 17, 2014. He was the former fire chief of Lottie VFD in Baldwin County. Ray held the position of fire chief for over twenty years.

Austin Maxwell Dulaney passed away on January 11, 2014. He was the chief of Eastaboga VFD in Calhoun County. Dulaney built the department from the ground up. He was a member of the department for 38 years.

Jeff Little passed away in December 2013. He was a captain with Childersburg Fire & Rescue.

Charlie Ruffin, Jr. passed away November 20, 2013. He was a member of Lisman VFD in Choctaw County. Ruffin was a dedicated and faithful member for thirty years.

Paul "Pete" Penry passed away on September 5, 2013. Pete was a past member and current board member of the Belforest VFD of Baldwin County.

Andrew Dell Johnson passed away August 11, 2013. He was a member of Lisman VFD in Choctaw County.

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: Mike W. Green (334) 309-5026, 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. 1-888-972-2833 or www.aavfd.org

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