



THE VOLUNTEER



The Official Newsletter of the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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2008 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2, 2008, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and will be hosted by the District III Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The registration headquarters will be at the Alabama Fire College.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for the Conference will be \$25.00 per person and increases to \$30.00 after July 1st and when you register at the Conference. Included in this fee are the Friday night cookout meal and the Saturday night banquet. (Pre-registration form included in this newsletter.) You must have your registration nametag to eat at the cookout on Friday night and at the banquet on Saturday night.

ELECTIONS

At the annual business meeting on Saturday, elections will be held to fill the officer and board member positions.

Officers: The nominating committee made the following recommendations:

For the Office of:

PresidentChauncey Wood

Vice President

Southern AreaWilliam Neal (I)

Central AreaSteve Dennis (I)

Northern AreaLawrence Huffman (I)

SecretaryMary Jane Sells (I)

TreasurerGary Cobb (I)

Floor nominations at the annual meeting may join these. Per AAVFD By-Laws, all candidates, except those presented by the nominating committee, must be nominated from the floor and 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.

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NOTE: The AAVFD office mailed proxy ballots on June 3, 2008. Please contact the office immediately if the county president does not receive the ballot for your county within a reasonable length of time.

CRUISE THE WARRIOR RIVER ON THE BAMA BELLE!

After arriving in Tuscaloosa and registering for the conference. We would like for you and your family to also sign up for a complimentary 1 1/2 hour cruise on the Bama Belle scheduled for 12:00-1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The boat can only accommodate 150 people so first come first serve. A free trolley shuttle departing at 11:30 a.m. from the host hotel will take you round trip to this event.

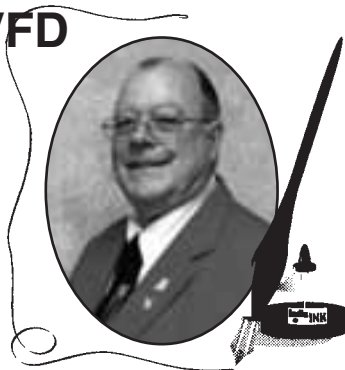
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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Alberson



This will be my last "From the President's Desk" article. It really doesn't seem as though it has been three years since I was elected President of AAVFD. They say "Time flies when you're having fun". I won't say that all has been fun, but I sincerely appreciate the opportunity of serving as your president for the past three years.

I want to say "THANK YOU" to all who have helped me. I have not asked anyone to do anything that has not been done, and I appreciate this. It means a lot to me that we have reached the highest membership ever in AAVFD during my tenure.

I am looking forward to our 2008 annual Conference in Tuscaloosa. Our host departments have worked diligently to get things ready for us. I hope to see everyone there. With the cooperation of the Alabama Fire College, everything promises to be a great conference.

The 2008 Legislative Session hasn't been the greatest we have ever had, but the groundwork has been laid to build on our opportunities to work on future legislation to benefit the Volunteer Fire Service. I Thank Chauncey Wood for all his work and fellowship during the past three legislative sessions. He has worked tirelessly when sometimes it seemed nothing could be gained. There is the promise of another 2008 Special Session in August/September so maybe we can get some of our bills passed.

Again, **THANK YOU** for the opportunity to be President of AAVFD for the past three years

(Elections continued from Page 1)

Board Members: 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.

PROXY VOTES

AAVFD Secretary Mary Sells will accept proxy votes at the Conference on Friday, August 1st, from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. On Saturday August 2nd, proxy votes will be accepted from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. Location will be announced.

According to AAVFD By-Laws, all proxy votes shall be called for three times by the presiding officer as the first agenda item following the opening ceremonies of the general meeting. All proxy votes must be turned in to the Secretary before the third and final call for proxy votes. Once the third and final call is given and the presiding officer has officially declared the proxy votes closed, proxy votes cannot be accepted from anyone for any reason.

All proxy holders who will be casting proxy votes at the annual business meeting are reminded that no proxy vote will be honored for a department having one or more members at the meeting. Although a proxy ballot containing a list of all county departments is sent to each county president, a department is not required to give its county president, or anyone, the authority to cast its department's vote. If one person is present at the meeting that person shall vote their department's one vote; whether that person votes or not, the proxy holder shall not be entitled to vote for that department.

In order for the annual meeting to progress in a timely manner, it will be very helpful for the representative from all departments voting to come by and register with the Secretary during the hours set aside to accept proxy votes. However, any person voting for their own department is entitled to a ballot up until the final call for proxy votes has been made.

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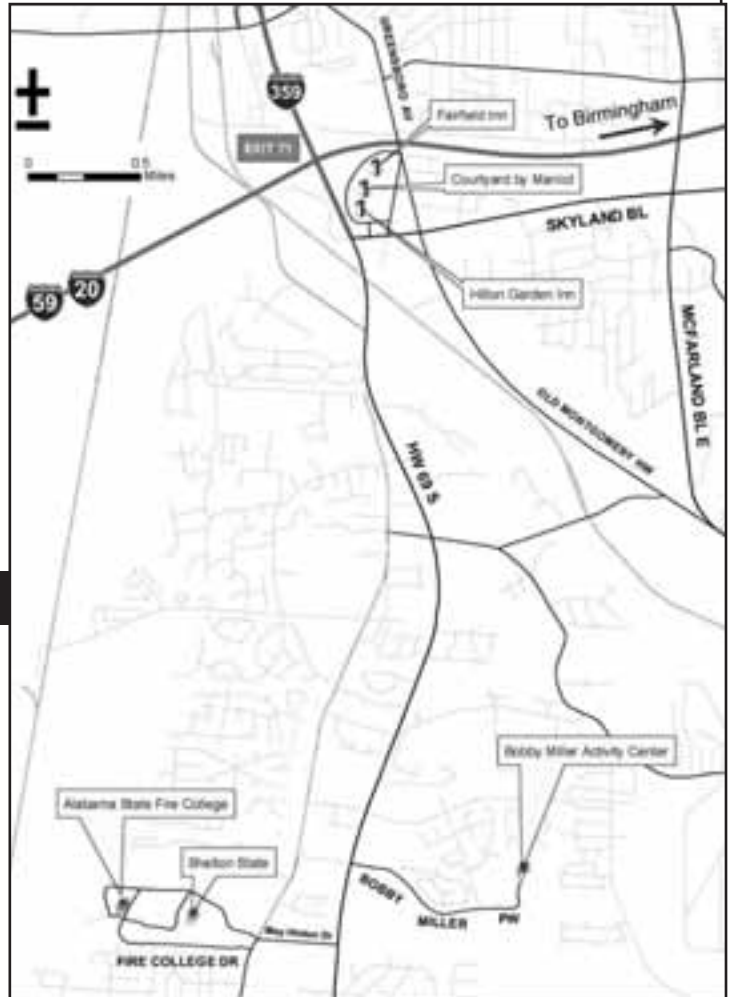
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BRANTLEY VFD

WILLIAM NEAL, AAVFD SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Brantley Fire Department, Crenshaw County, held an open House on March 29, 2008. The Brantley Fire Department and Rescue Unit are stationed in a building initially built in 1991. There have been two additions to the Fire/Rescue station. The first was in 2000, the second in 2008.

There are currently seven emergency vehicles in the Fire/Rescue station. The station is located on U.S. 29 south as you leave Brantley going to Andalusia.

Brantley VFD has 28 members. The station is named the Harry Driggers Building in honor of current Chief Harry Driggers. Chief Driggers led the department through the expansion and modernization for the past several years.

During the last two years those members responded to 274 runs with 4,400 volunteer hours for calls. Brantley currently has an ISO rating of Class 4. The BFD also had 600 hours of training in the past two years.

The equipment housed in the remodeled station is as follows:

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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

An EVOC Instructor Course will be taught October 6-7 in Montevallo. Twenty-four seats are available, and you must be a licensed ambulance driver to attend. Your one-page resume will be accepted through the month of June. For more information, Gary Mackey may be contacted at 334-206-5383.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, sponsored an Alabama Fire College 12-hour Crash Victim Extrication class May 15th, with practical hands-on application on May 17th.

The first ever National CPR and AED Awareness Week will be observed June 1-7.

Coffeeville VFD, Clarke County, has achieved a Class 6/8 lowered from Class 7/9. Chief Dwight Pugh thanks the Mayor and Council, Water Department and West Bend-Bethel VFD for their assistance in this endeavor.

May 18-24 was National EMS Week.

Lillian VFD, Baldwin County, conducted an EVOC instructor class on May 9-10.

Millbrook VFD, Elmore County, showed its support of fallen police officer Jim Fezatte, Jr. by placing a black wreath and covering the lights of a fire truck during the processional to grave-side services. Officer Fezatte died as a result of injuries sustained in a single-vehicle wreck en-route to a civil disturbance call.

The Pea Ridge Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Shelby County, held their Annual Jay Boothe Softball Tournament and BBQ June 14th at Pea Ridge Park. This event is held in remembrance of Jay Boothe, firefighter killed in the line-of-duty in 1994.

Congratulations to Firefighter Jeremy Autery, who was honored as Firefighter of the Year by Pine Hill VFD, Wilcox County.



Congratulations to Chief Joseph Stephens who was honored as Thomaston VFD, Marengo County, 2007 Officer of the Year Award. Chief Stephens led efforts in obtaining a new fire truck for battling brush fires, a new building to serve as the primary fire station, a new department communications system, and led the department during a year when the department received the most fire/rescue calls in its history.

Mark Crocker, Thomaston VFD, Marengo County, was honored as 2007 Firefighter of the Year. He assisted on more fire and rescue calls than any other firefighter (non-officer) during the busiest year in the department's history.

Fulton VFD, Clarke County, presented the 2007 Achievement Awards at its annual banquet in December. Congratulations to the following:



Galen Steadham - Most Improved, Morris Allday - Distinguished Service Award, Roy Mott - Distinguished Service Award, Danny Ray Pugh - Fireman of the Year and Jamie Agee - Most Improved.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue, Baldwin County, honored its firefighters at its 46th Annual Awards Dinner in 2007. Congratulations to Firefighter of the Year Jason Hadley. The top honor of the evening, Firefighter of the Year, was bestowed upon Jason who was recognized for attending 26% of all calls dispatched by the department, for attending 60% of all training sessions and dedicating 12 additional service hours in fire prevention and maintenance. Hadley also received the Vanguard Award recognizing his level of participation.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Rookie of the Year Justin Stewart was honored for his commitment and desire to learn all of the different duties required by a firefighter. Stewart obtained his Volunteer Fire Fighter certification and Hazardous Material Awareness certification in his first year with the department.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Top Responder Award was presented to Nathan Collier recognizing his dedication. Collier attended 54% of all department responses.

From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama



Fire Fighter Jason Hadley (left) receives the Fire Fighter of the Year award from Fire Chief Roger Few (right).



Fire Fighter Justin Stewart (right) receives the Rookie of the Year award from Deputy Fire Chief Byron Hayles (left).

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Service Award was presented to William Hamman posthumously. Bill dedicated 20 additional service hours in the area of maintenance and prevention type activates. Hamman's obituary is included in "The Bell Told". The award was accepted by Hamman's widow, Judy.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Citizen Supporter of the Year was awarded to Mr. Hayes Sherer for supporting the mission and function of the fire department.

Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Business Supporter of the Year was awarded to City of Spanish Fort for their partnership with the department. Through the city's efforts and commitment to public safety the most recent pumper and ladder truck costing \$1.15 million dollars were purchased with minimal capital outlay from the department. Mayor Joe Bonner accepted the award on behalf of the city.

Crystal Rodriguez was honored by Morgan County with the John Miller Youth Award. Crystal rescued her little sister from a fire. She is also a ROTC member at Brewer High School in Lacey's Spring. The Award is named for John Miller, Past-President of AAVFD and Morgan County Fire Association.



Morgan County Fire Association held its annual Awards Banquet on April 12th. Congratulations to

William Lee and Bill Petty for 40 years of service to Trinity VFD - Male EMT of the Year Lynn Tidmore, Lacey's Spring VFD - Female EMT of the Year Linda Moore, Oden Ridge VFD - Male Firefighter of the Year Johnny Abbott, Lacey's Spring VFD - Female Firefighter of the Year Stacey Whitfield, Talucah VFD - Rookie of the Year Zack Penzant, Talucah VFD - Chief of the Year Charles Black, Priceville VFD - Department of the Year, Danville VFD - Most Improved Department, S.A.V.E.S. - Van Geist Outstanding Service Award Brandon Jones.



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Crenshaw County - District 7

Crenshaw County Volunteer Firefighters Association receives Golden Axe award from MDA!

For their outstanding fundraising efforts in 2007, Crenshaw County Association has received a Golden Axe award from MDA. Crenshaw County Association raised over \$13,000 during the Fill-the-Boot season of 2007. The money raised will go towards flu shots, clinic visits, medical equipment, summer camp, research, and so much more! MDA wishes to thank Crenshaw County Association for everything they do for their community! If you would like to learn more about the Fill-the-Boot campaign and participate in 2008, please contact:

Huntsville: Megan Nivens 256-288-0127

Birmingham: Debbie Sutton 205-823-8191

Montgomery/South Alabama: Angie Jordin 334-396-4534



Montgomery County - District 10

North Montgomery VFD partners with MDA and raises money for local families and children!

On April 5th, the North Montgomery VFD set out to make a difference in the lives of local families and children who are battling neuromuscular disease by participating in the Fill-the-Boot campaign! These busy firefighters set a goal of sending one child to summer camp at a cost of \$800. They choose three dates to work at achieving this goal, and in the first weekend over \$400 was raised! North Montgomery Volunteer Fire Department is over halfway there, and MDA wants to thank them for their participation in the Fill-the-Boot campaign! Way to go, North Montgomery VFD!!! We know you will make your goal!

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BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Board of Directors of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments voted to present an increase in membership dues beginning in 2009 for your consideration. The cost of all aspects of conducting the business of the Association have risen, and in order to continue to provide you with the representation that you want in Montgomery and around the state, this dues increase is needed.

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

BY-LAWS

Section 15

All proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the President, in writing, at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. The President shall submit the proposed amendments, in writing, to all voting members at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual meeting. The proposed amendments may then come before the annual meeting and must be approved by at least a 2/3 majority of the votes cast by those members present and those members represented by proxy, in good standing, to become effective

Proposed By-Law Change

(For the Annual Business Meeting, 2:00 pm, August 2, 2008)

SECTION 4. DUES.

As a condition for membership, all general and associate members shall be required to pay dues in the amount set below, said dues being due and payable the first day of January each calendar year, and shall be delinquent after January 31st. No dues shall be required of a Life Member.

(1) General Membership dues shall be \$60.00 per year per separate volunteer fire department.

(2) Where local, county or regional volunteer fire departments have formed an association, general membership dues in this association shall be \$50.00 per year per department provided that all members of such local, county or regional association who are eligible for membership in this association, in accordance with Section 3 of these By-Laws, join and pay their annual dues. A failure to achieve 100% participation of all the bonafide members of the local, county or regional group will result in the individual departments being required to pay the full annual dues of \$60.00. Should one or more departments in that area not choose to join the local, county or regional group, that group shall not be penalized; the 100% participation is computed on the group's number of members.

(3) Dues for associate members shall be \$50.00 per year

NATIONAL FIRE & EMERGENCY DINNER & SEMINAR

On April 2-3, the National Mall in Washington, D. C. was transformed into a showcase of the American Fire and Emergency Services, displaying the technology, prevention, training and educational components used by our nation's 30,000 fire departments.

AAVFD President Johnny Alberson and District 8 Director Charlie Dixon attended the annual National Fire & Emergency Dinner & Seminar. They had the opportunity to visit with Congressman Artur Davis and discuss funding for the mandate for narrow-banding by 2013. Prior contacts on this issue had been made with all of Alabama's Congressmen.

The nation's fire and emergency services respond to over 22 million calls annually. This event provides the opportunity to educate policy makers and the public about the vital role of fire fighters and rescue personnel, and the role of the federal government in providing funding to equip and train our first responders.



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AAVFD LEGISLATIVE DAY

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments has served as the voice for Alabama's volunteer fire fighters for 30 years. One of the main functions of the Association is to promote legislation that will benefit the fire service, improve the ability of the volunteer fire fighter to serve their communities, and provide the latest in training and fire fighting technology to aid and protect the fire fighter.

In 2006, Representative Richard Laird steered fire service legislation to passage in the House and Senator Tom Butler handled the bills passage in the Senate, with Governor Riley signing the eight-bill package into law. On May 1st events were again in the capable hands of Representative Laird, and volunteer fire service members were on hand to encourage support in the House of Representatives.

Three bills were to be presented as a package for consideration: (1) Volunteer Fire Fighter Tuition Assistance (2) One Free Fire Fighter Tag and (3) Fire Fighter Tag Membership List. Rep. DuWayne Bridges and Rep. Randy Wood sponsored these bills. State Forester Linda Casey, Assistant State Forester Bill Baisden and Alabama Fire College Executive Director Allan Rice attended to support the volunteer fire service.

Unfortunately, the House members chose to filibuster "Double Dipping" on this day, and they did not address any of the bills for the Volunteers. The Volunteer Fire Fighter Tuition Assistance (SB218) had previously passed the Senate, with only one more step necessary in the House, but regrettably it, along with hundreds of bills, died during the 2008 session of the Alabama Legislature.

On a positive note, SB239 was passed and will benefit volunteer and paid fire fighters. This bill provides for a fire fighter to designate the beneficiary or beneficiaries who will receive the death benefits payable when a fire fighter is killed in the line of duty. If there are no beneficiaries, the death benefits will be paid to dependents and partial dependents, non-dependent children and parents. If there are none, the death benefits shall be paid to the estate of the deceased. Previously, if there were no surviving dependents or surviving parents, the death benefit was paid to no one, even if there were surviving non-dependent children.



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Officer Candidate Focus

On the following pages, you will find information on the candidates recommended by the nominating committee to fill the officer positions shown. The AAVFD hopes this information will assist you in selecting the best qualified applicants for each position. Each candidate provided his/her own information.



Chauncey Wood – Candidate for President

- Current AAVFD District 6 Director
- Member of Clío Fire and Rescue, Barbour County
- Co-Editor of AAVFD Newsletter “The Volunteer”
- Member of AAVFD Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Committee
- AAVFD Public Relations and Legislative Committee
- RCFP Steering Committee Member
- Rural Community Fire Protection Institute Vice President
- 160-Hr Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter/First Responder, Fire Inspector I, EVOC Course Instructor, Extrication Instructor and Emergency Vehicle Technician
- Employed with State of Alabama Department of Corrections - Ventress Facility



Steve Dennis – Candidate for Vice President, Central Region

- Incumbent AAVFD Vice President
- Chief of Friendship VFD, Elmore County
- Past Director and Alternate Director AAVFD Board of Directors
- Past President Elmore County Fire Association
- Certified Firefighter Instructor, EMT Hazardous Materials, Extrication, plus numerous certificates through Alabama Fire College
- Member of Elmore County E-9-1-1 Board
- Farmer and Alabama National Guard Chief Warrant Office 5



Lawrence Huffman – Candidate for Vice President, North Region

- Incumbent AAVFD Vice President
- Chief of Brick Hatton VFD, Colbert County
- Past Director and Alternate Director AAVFD Board of Directors
- Past President Colbert County Fire Association
- Past Vice President Colbert County Fire Association
- Past President of District 9 Fire Association
- RCFP Steering Committee Member
- Member of Colbert County E-9-1-1 Board
- Retired from Tennessee Valley Authority



William Neal – Candidate for Vice President, South Region

- Incumbent AAVFD Vice President
- Assistant Chief of Luverne VFD, Crenshaw County
- Past President Crenshaw County Fire Association
- Past Treasurer Crenshaw County Fire Association
- Past Director AAVFD Board of Directors
- AAVFD Representative on Homeland Security Task Force
- Member of AAVFD Legislative and Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Committees
- Retired State Trooper

Officer Candidate Focus



Mary Sells – Candidate for Secretary

- Incumbent AAVFD Secretary
- Assistant Chief McCullough VFD, Escambia County
- South AAVFD Honor Guard Member
- Awarded AAVFD Sherry Garner Memorial Award for outstanding Female Firefighter of the Year in 2001 and 2004
- McCullough VFD Grant Writer
- Shift Supervisor



Gary Cobb – Candidate for Treasurer

- Current AAVFD Treasurer
- Member of Brindlee Mountain VFD, Morgan County
- Past Brindlee Mountain VFD Secretary and EMS Captain
- AAVFD Representative to State EMS Advisory Board and Cardiac Arrest Survivors Commission
- Board of Directors Morgan County Fire Association
- Morgan County Male EMT of the Year twice
- Certified Firefighter II, Fire Instructor II and Paramedic
- Retired teacher

COMPETITION EVENTS

JOEY BOYD, COMPETITION CHAIRMAN

After many phone calls and emails, I have finally come up with the events for 2008. I still think, one of these days, we will just draw three events out of a hat and run. Don't worry, it's not this year. I figure, if I did that, some people would be looking for a tall tree and short piece of rope.

So I have given it a lot of thought to what we should run this year. I have come up with three events that I think will work well at the site. I'm hoping to see some new teams this year, along with some of our "ole" ones with some new faces. So if you hadn't started practice yet, now would be a good time to start. Even though you hadn't known the events, and no one has, you could have practiced all of them. Boy! That would be a buzz killer for some!

So how many new teams will we see this year? Seems like we get at least one each year, with some



that drop out for some reason. So I guess you would like the events now huh? Ok! Ok! Keep your pants on! The events are Obstacle Course, Hose Lay 1 and the third one is, "Drum roll please..... Water on the roof". Have fun gang, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. We'll have a great time, I'm sure. Practice! Practice! And more Practice! From now till Conference time.

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2008 AAVFD CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, August 1, 2008

9:00 am - 5:00 pmRegistration at Alabama Fire College
Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on your own
Noon - 5:00 pmVendors at Alabama Fire College
3:00 pm - 4:00 pmTraining at Alabama Fire College
4:00 pmExtrication Exhibit at Alabama Fire College
Mike Mitchell
4:00 pm - 5:30 pmBoard of Directors Meeting
Alabama Fire College
6:00 pmCook Out at Alabama Fire College
(Bring your name tag)
7:00 pmBuses leave motel for Greentrack
(Return at 10:30 pm)

Saturday, August 2, 2008

7:00 am - 8:00 amCompetition Registration
Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - 8:30 amCompetition Captains Meeting
Alabama Fire College
8:30 am - NoonCompetition at Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - UntilRegistration at Alabama Fire College
8:00 am - 2:00 pmVendors at Alabama Fire College
10:00 amExtrication Exhibit at Alabama Fire College
Buddy Gray Fire
11:30 amTrolley leaves motel for River Cruise
(For first 150 to sign up)
Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on your own
2:00 pm - 5:30 pmAnnual Business Meeting
Alabama Fire College
7:00 pm - 9:00 pmAwards Banquet at Bobby Miller Center
(Bring your name tag)
9:30 pm - 12:30 pmSocial Time at Hilton Garden Inn

Choctaw County - District 8

CHOCTAW COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS GET LP TRAINING

BY DEE ANN CAMPBELL, SUN-ADVOCATE EDITOR

"This is an important training because so many homes in this county have propane tanks in their back yard," said local firefighter Johnny Alberson.

Thirty-six volunteer firefighters from departments across Choctaw County received valuable hands-on training in extinguishing propane fires during an association-wide training session Saturday, March 29th. Held in the Butler Industrial Park, the session included members of 10 departments who volunteered their time to participate.

According to Alberson, who is a member of the Butler VFD and currently serves as president of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Firefighters, the equipment used in the training was secured through the Alabama Fire College, with South Alabama Gas supplying the propane.

Attending the training session were 13 members of the Butler VFD, along with six from New Hope, followed in number by four from the Gilberttown department. Others in attendance represented Pleasant Hill, Lisman, Silas, Yantley, Lusk, Needham-Land and Toxey VFDs.





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DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN	58%	7 of 12
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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	46%	15 of 32
SHELBY	57%	11 of 19
ST CLAIR	85%	17 of 20
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE	15%	2 of 13
GREENE	100%	12 of 12
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR	100%	10 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	20 of 20

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	26%	4 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON	100%	15 of 15
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%	11 of 11
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%	22 of 22
MONROE	100%	14 of 14

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN	57%	19 of 33
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
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LOWNDES	12%	1 of 8
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BY: CHIEF EDDIE CHAMBERS

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Haleburg F/R has 3 fire stations with 4 engines, 2 ALS transport ambulances, 3 tankers and 1 service truck. The department is staffed by Fire Chief Eddie Chambers, Assistant Chief Chris Payne, 3 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 7 firefighter/EMS and 10 Firefighters.

The department is in the process of constructing a new 8,000 sq ft 8-bay fire station, which includes a 900 sq ft Conference room and 3,000 sq ft 2-story living quarters with offices.

The department conducts monthly fire drills at the Haleburg Community Center, pre-fire plans twice a year and fire and life safety inspections for all churches and businesses. The department training consists of 75+ hours of training annually.

The Rescue Squad is governed by Chief Eddie Chambers, Fire/Medic Angus Scott and Captain Ed Anderson.



NARROW-BANDING IS COMING

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has adopted a change to the rules for conventional radio systems across the United States. The rules change states that all radio systems shall be narrow-banded by January 1, 2013. If you have not achieved complete narrow banding by this date, your radio will no longer be FCC type acceptance. What this means is that after January 1, 2013, you cannot use your radio.

The Alabama Forestry Commission communication section has purchased new RCFP repeaters for all counties that utilize this UHF system. Their plans are to have these repeaters installed and re-licensed by the middle of 2009. The Forestry Commission will keep all counties informed of schedules as to when your county will be ready for the change over. Roy Mott, Communication/RCFP Chief, and Steve May, RCFP Division Director, will be meeting with county

associations to discuss all communications issues.

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AAVFD President Johnny Alberson, RCFP Division Director Steve May and Communication/RCFP Chief Roy Mott meet with Barbour County Fire Fighters.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jack Lockhart (69) Volunteer
Department: Dayton District VFD, Dayton PA
Date of Death: 2/17/08
Cause of Death: Manning the run radio for furnace explosion response, he collapsed in radio room and died at hospital of apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael J. Hays (64) Volunteer
Department: Brazos Canyon VFD, Chama NM
Date of Death: 2/19/08
Cause of Death: Passed away from injuries received after explosion at his fire station. Cause of the explosion is still under investigation.

Name/Rank: Captain Vance Tomaselli (66) Paid-on-Call
Department: San Bernardino County FD, San Bernardino CA
Date of Death: 2/21/08
Cause of Death: Suffered stroke while operating fire apparatus en-route to structure fire on 2/16/08. He underwent emergency surgery but was unable to recover, passing away 5 days later.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Joey Turner (48) Volunteer
Department: Homerville/Clinch Co VFD, Homerville GA
Date of Death: 2/22/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed and went into respiratory and cardiac failure while participating in training evolution at Georgia Fire Academy.

Name/Rank: Captain Shane Stewart (33) Volunteer
Department: Ault-Pierce FD, Ault CO
Date of Death: 2/23/08
Cause of Death: Passed away from injuries sustained when ejected from pumper/tanker he was driving en-route to emergency medical call.

Name/Rank: Fire Engineer Roger Dennis, Jr. (55) Career
Department: San Antonio FD, San Antonio TX
Date of Death: 2/29/08
Cause of Death: Became ill while on duty at station and passed away at hospital from apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Lt Rafael Vazquez (42) Career
Department: Palm Beach Co Fire-Rescue, West Palm Beach FL
Date of Death: 3/3/08
Cause of Death: Shot and killed by deranged gunman at Wendy's restaurant during lunch break from department mandated training session on "strategy and tactics".

Name/Rank: Firefighter Brad Holmes (21) Volunteer
Department: Pine Township Engine Co, Grove City PA
Date of Death: 3/5/08
Cause of Death: Rescued by rapid intervention team after becoming trapped on second floor of burning duplex, he succumbed to his injuries several days later. The female resident did not survive the fire that was ruled accidental, sparked by a hair dryer on couch.

Name/Rank: Lt Nicholas V. Picozzi II (35) Volunteer
Department: Lower Chichester Fire Company, Linwood PA
Date of Death: 3/5/08
Cause of Death: Died after becoming trapped when fire conditions rapidly deteriorated in basement of unoccupied single family residential structure.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Victor Isler (40) Career
Department: Firefighter Justin Monroe (19) Part-Time Paid
Date of Death: Salisbury FD, Salisbury NC
Date of Death: 3/7/08
Cause of Death: Passed away from injuries suffered while on hose line battling multi-alarm fire. At least three other firefighters were injured as they tried to rescue the pair.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Raymond Barrett, Sr. (62) Volunteer
Department: West Milford Township FD, West Milford NJ
Date of Death: 3/9/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed and died of cause to be determined while working hose line at residential structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Walter William Michl (76) Volunteer
Department: Roanoke-Wildwood FD, Littleton NC
Date of Death: 3/16/08
Cause of Death: Found passed away in kitchen of his residence from cause to be determined as he prepared to respond to reported structure fire.

Name/Rank: Captain John Delaney (44) Career
Department: Mesa FD, Mesa AZ
Date of Death: 3/17/08
Cause of Death: Passed away at hospital short time after suffering cardiac arrests while in his office at fire department.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Terrance Crockett (48) Career
Department: Kansas City FD, Kansas City MO
Date of Death: 3/17/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed while on hose line working overhaul after bringing fire in vacant residential structure under control. Died at hospital from cause to be determined.

Name/Rank: Deputy Chief Donald "Lee" Grubor (42) Volunteer
Department: Lewistown Fire Protection District, Lewistown IL
Date of Death: 3/22/08
Cause of Death: Fell ill at his residence approximately an hour after clearing scene of earlier mutual aid structure fire. Passed away at hospital from cause to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Brent A. Lovrien (35) Career
Department: Los Angeles FD, Los Angeles CA
Date of Death: 3/26/08
Cause of Death: Injured while investigating source of smoke when explosion occurred at a nearby building. He died from these injuries. Investigation is underway to determine exact nature of explosion, as well as precise cause and manner of his death.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Eric Speed (33) Volunteer
Department: Caddo Parish Fire District # 2, Shreveport LA
Date of Death: 3/28/08
Cause of Death: Died of severe injuries he received when the tanker he was operating overturned en-route to mutual aid residential structure fire call. Reports indicate that unfamiliarity with sharp ninety-degree turn where accident took place may have been a factor in the accident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter-EMT Brian Schira (29) Part-Time Paid
Department: Captain Robin Broxterman (37) Career
Date of Death: Colerain Township Dept of Fire & EMS, Cincinnati OH
Date of Death: 4/4/08
Cause of Death: Became trapped in basement of residential structure fire when first floor collapsed and fire conditions prevented successful rescue.

Name/Rank: Deputy Chief Michael D. Crotty (24) Volunteer
Department: Lawrence Park Township VFD, Erie PA
Date of Death: 4/8/08
Cause of Death: Injured on scene of industrial fire when malfunction of aerial ladder occurred. He passed away after being transported to Medical Center.

Name/Rank: Charlie Fraley (65) Volunteer
Department: Macon FD, Macon MS
Date of Death: 4/12/08
Cause of Death: Complained of having breathing problems when laying line to fire and passed away shortly after arrival at hospital.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John Schwartz, Jr. (38) Volunteer
Department: Chief Terry DeVore (30) Volunteer
Date of Death: Olney Springs VFD, Olney Springs CO
Date of Death: 4/15/08
Cause of Death: Killed in fire apparatus while trying to cross bridge over a drainage ditch. Due to heavy smoke conditions, they were apparently unaware that fire had already damaged or collapsed the bridge.

Name/Rank: Pilot Gert Marais (42) Wildland Contract
Department: Colorado State Forest Service, Fort Collins CO
Date of Death: 4/15/08
Cause of Death: Killed when his Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) went down just after dropping load of slurry on portions of a wildfire on Fort Carson Downrange.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Rick Morris (54) Career
Department: Sedalia FD, Sedalia MO
Date of Death: 4/17/08
Cause of Death: Died from serious burns received while working a residential structure fire when he and other firefighters encountered rapid fire progress conditions.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Riley J. Terrebonne, Jr. (29) Volunteer
Department: Springfield Volunteer F/R Dept, Springfield LA
Date of Death: 4/21/08
Cause of Death: Was struck by another vehicle while assisting at scene of motor vehicle accident on interstate highway bridge and passed away the following day.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jeremy L. Jylka (34) Paid-on-Call
Department: Pine City FD, Pine City MN
Date of Death: 4/29/08
Cause of Death: Suffered a medical emergency and went unresponsive while responding to a Wildland fire on board fire apparatus. He was transported by ambulance to local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

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FOR SALE: 1972 Chevrolet pumper with 3-man cab, 5-speed manual, 1250 GPM, 750-gal tank. Asking price \$1,000. Contact Deputy Chief Jamie Pugh 205-314-9325 or 205-960-5653.

THE BELL TOLLED

Lloyd Smith, Retired Asst Chief Waterloo VFD, Lauderdale County, passed away February 9, 2008.

Ronnie Harrell, Founding member of Antioch VFD, Clarke County, passed away March 19, 2008.

William M. "Bill" Hamman, Daphne Volunteer Firefighters Association, Baldwin County, passed away March 21, 2008. He was previously a member of Rehobeth VFD and Asst Chief of Madrid VFD in Houston County. While serving as Lieutenant in Spanish Fort Fire/Rescue in Baldwin County, Bill was honored as 2001 AAVFD Fire Fighter of the Year. He also served as District 8 AAVFD Alternate Director.

Fire/Medic Michael Oliver, Pine Level VFD, Autauga County, died on March 24, 2008 of injuries received in a traffic accident.

Larry Jones, Haleyville VFD, Winston County, passed away April 9, 2008.

Michael Edwards, Dixonville VFD, Escambia County, died in a vehicle accident on April 12, 2008.

Kay Culpepper, Lee-Chambers VFD, Lee County, passed away April 25, 2008. She was currently serving as Lee County Association treasurer.

Kenneth Ladon "Don" Pynes, Cottonwood VFD, Houston County, passed away April 25, 2008.

Alabama resident Brian Shrader, a native of Hueytown/Pleasant Grove serving as a firefighter in Iraq, lost his life April 28, 2008. Brian did not have a current home department, but he had planned to continue his fire service career upon returning home.

Retired Chief Dudley Bullock, Beat 8 VFD, Conecuh County, passed away April 29, 2008. He was a founding member of the department in 1989, presently serving as a member of the Board, and had served as County Association President.

Jack H. Wright, Sr., Choctawhatchee VFD, Dale County, passed away May 4, 2008. He was one of the founding members of the department in 1982 and continued to be a faithful member.

Eddie Lawler, Retired Chief Gravel Hill VFD, Franklin County, passed away of apparent heart attack May 13, 2008. He was also past-president of Franklin County Fire & Rescue Association. "Gravel Hill 201" will be missed but not forgotten.

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: Johnny Alberson – (205) 459-2688, Steve Dennis – (334) 283-2110, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, or Lawrence Huffman – (256) 446-9813.

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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