



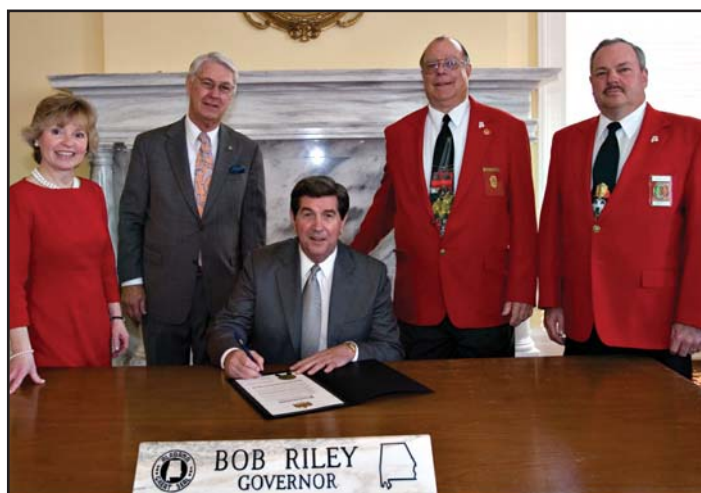
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ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

January - March 2008

AAVFD HONORED FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Left to Right: Rosemary Elebash, State Director NFIB, Mike Weeks, Mike Weeks & Associates, Governor Bob Riley, AAVFD President Johnny Alberson, Chauncey Wood, AAVFD Public Relations.

Governor Bob Riley signed a proclamation on February 8, 2008 designating February 23 through March 1, 2008 as Alabama Entrepreneurship Week. The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments was recognized for providing students with real opportunities to fulfill their entrepreneurial goals through an annual scholarship program. This year, the Association will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to a firefighter or firefighters' dependent. These scholarships will be awarded at the annual Conference in Tuscaloosa on August 2nd.

Office of the Governor

BOB RILEY
Governor



STATE OF ALABAMA

Press Office

Alabama Entrepreneurship Week

By the Governor of the State of Alabama

A Proclamation
February 08, 2008

WHEREAS, our state's entrepreneurs are an important source of economic innovation – enhancing productivity, improving efficiency, and generating inventive methods for marketing new ideas; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of America's young people envision themselves starting their own businesses in the future; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Labor, most of the new jobs created in the United States over the past decade have been the direct result of the efforts of our nation's entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's entrepreneurs are dedicated individuals who work hard to improve their communities by creating professional business environments, which not only promote advances in technology, but also the sharing of new ideas; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education is helping students to understand and appreciate the many benefits of business ownership; and

WHEREAS, the recent increase in the amount of students interested in becoming business owners makes it more important than ever to encourage students to seriously explore their entrepreneurial potential; and

WHEREAS, through a national initiative to observe Entrepreneurship Week, organizations such as the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the Ewing Marlon Kauffman Foundation, and hundreds of other organizations nationwide are partnering to promote the many laudable contributions of America's entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Cattleman's Association, Alabama Concrete Industries Association, Alabama Farmers Federation, Alabama Funeral Directors Association, Alabama Independent Auto Dealers Association, Alabama Rural Electric Association of Cooperatives, Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants, Alabama State Nurses Association, Alabama Travel Council, Alabama's NFIB chapter, Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast, Home Builders Association of Alabama, Petroleum & Convenience Marketers of Alabama, School Superintendents of Alabama, and many other state organizations are also providing students with real opportunities to fulfill their entrepreneurial goals through annual scholarship programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 23 through March 1, 2008, as

Alabama Entrepreneurship Week

in the State of Alabama and I encourage all Alabamians to support this special celebration through activities that demonstrate the importance of entrepreneurship opportunities and the benefits they provide for Alabama's students to explore their dreams of academic excellence, personal achievement, and future career success.

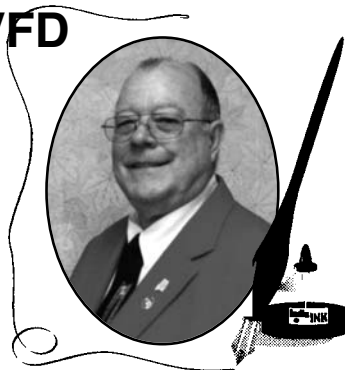
Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 8th day of February 2008.

Governor Bob Riley

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Alberson



The time is fast approaching to be thinking of Conference 08. Everyone in District 3 is working hard to prepare for the conference. It will be held in Tuscaloosa this year on August 1 & 2. The Fire College has agreed to furnish meeting space and competition space and Billy Doss and his crew has spent much time preparing. More information may be found

elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. I want to thank everyone for the work that has been done, not just for this conference, but for everything that I have asked them to do. Everyone has given a great effort and I sincerely appreciate this.

We are working hard with legislation. Chauncey Wood and I spend a lot of time in the State House each week. We have bills (1) Free Tag Bill (2) Free Tuition (3) Firefighter Annuity and Retirement (4) Preservation of Services, and (5) Radio Bill. A synopsis of each bill may be found below. If you feel that you have excess time to kill and just want to spend some time in Montgomery, come on down. Chauncey and I will welcome the company.

This is my third year as president of AAVFD and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve. As I said when I was elected, "it is not **my** organization but **ours** and **together** we can make it go."

2008 VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE LEGISLATION

SB218 - VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TUITION ASSISTANCE - Provide free college tuition for dependents and spouses of firefighters killed in the line of duty.

HB425/SB322 - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESERVATION OF SERVICES ACT - Alabama Volunteer fire departments already possess the powers granted by this act. The intent of the legislature is to solidify the right of the volunteer fire departments to recover costs for any and all services that they may provide.

SB359 - DEATH BENEFIT WITHIN 30 DAYS - Requires prompt payment of a death benefit to family of fallen firefighter or local law enforcement officer.

SB119/HB438 - ONE FREE FIREFIGHTER TAG - Exempts volunteer firefighters from motor vehicle license and registration fees on one passenger vehicle registered in the name of the volunteer firefighter.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT - Provides retirement income for firefighters who volunteer for x number of years and contribute x number of dollars to the retirement fund.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIREFIGHTER RADIO ASSISTANCE - Funding to assist volunteer fire departments with narrow-banding of existing radios.

HB311/SB291 - FIREFIGHTER TAG CAREER/VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP LIST -

Establish issuing authority with the Alabama Forestry Commission as previously required.

Legislative Committee:

Johnny Alberson, AAVFD
President

Chauncey Wood, District 6
Director

William Neal, Second Vice
President

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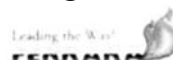


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COWIKEE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BARBOUR COUNTY

Chief Rodger Williams

Cowikee Volunteer Fire Department was founded June 4, 1986. The department is located at 1338 Gammage Road near Eufaula. When first formed, the fire house was a pole barn provided by ABC Board Member Henry Gray on David Jones Road. The meeting hall was the game room in Lamar Knotts' community store.

The people responsible for forming the department were Alfred E. Hayes, Orval Jordan, Thellus Grigglin, Russell Sheppard, JR Weathers, Rufus Kennedy and Sara Kennedy. All of these members have since passed on.

The first truck was a 1948 GMC pumper that Jack Rusch of Eufaula had trucked to the department from Wisconsin for a purchase price of \$1,000. Believe it or not, the pumper passed ISO requirements to enable us to achieve a Class 9 rating.

In early 1991, Cowikee VFD started Bingo as a fund raiser. By 1993, the department was able to purchase land to build a fire house. Later that year, we were able to secure a loan and begin building the new fire house. Today Cowikee is housed in a two-bay facility with a 40-ft by 40-ft meeting hall. At this time, we received a truck on loan from the Alabama Forestry Commission that is equipped as our brush truck.

In 1995, we began searching for a newer pumper to replace the working dinosaur we were using. We purchased a 1968 Ford pumper that was in excellent condition. The truck was leased to a production company for use in the television show "In the Heat of the Night" starring Carroll O'Conner and had never been used to fight a fire until we used it. It's our "celebrity fire truck"!

Bingo was generating enough income for the operation of the department, and we were able to pay off the truck in five years and the building in eight years.

In 2006, a grant was obtained to completely outfit the truck, as well as, all of our firefighters allowing them to work more efficiently while keeping us safe.

The Department recently purchased a First Response attack vehicle. This puts a firefighter on the scene more quickly to set the mode of operation in motion at a fire or accident scene.

Department officers are Chief Rodger Williams, First Asst. Chief Darrell Harris, Second Asst. Chief Mike Phillips and Secretary/Treasurer Betty Arnold. The Board of Directors is Dot Turner, Jean Williams, Sandra Williams and Mike Phillips.



AAVFD FLAG PRESENTED TO FAMILY OF DECEASED CHIEF



Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments District 6 Director Chauncey Wood (Right) presents AAVFD flag to Joyce Hartzog, widow of Kency Hartzog. Kency passed away February 8th. He served as Chief of Texasville VFD for 25 years. After retiring, Hartzog remained active as a volunteer with Baker Hill VFD until his death, serving his community for more than 30 years.

Looking on is Chief Brandon Green, Baker Hill VFD, (Left) and AAVFD Honor Guard members (Top Row Left to Right) Wayne Cost and James Chancey, both of Henry County.



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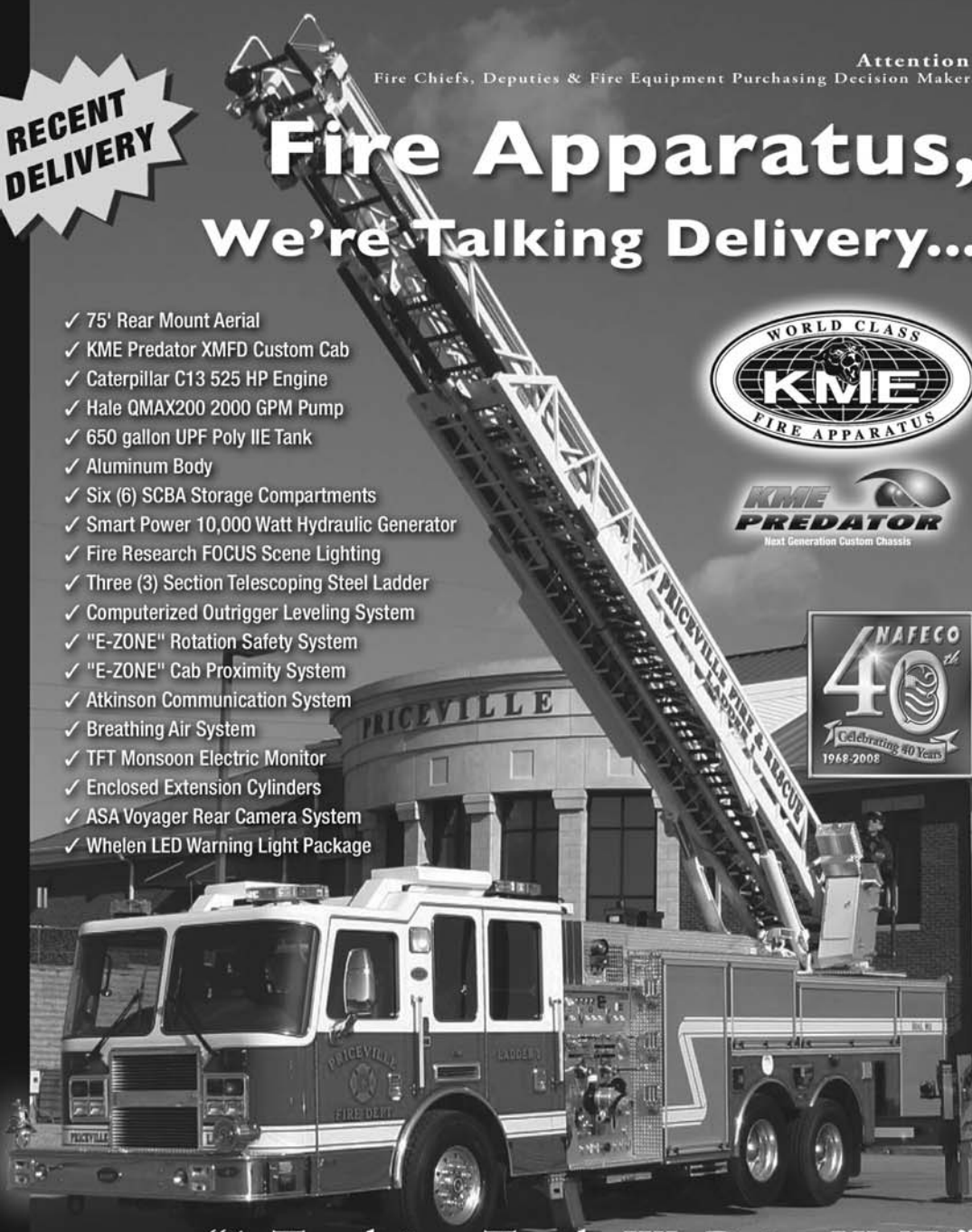


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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

Frisco City VFD, Escambia County, held their annual Awards Banquet December 8, 2007. Congratulations to Firefighters of the Year Jeremy Flowers and Josh Wasden, Officer of the Year Sue Starr, Rookie of the Year Crystal Browning, and Citizens of the Year Chip Woods and Joey Castillow. The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Buddy Enzor and Leonard Racca and the Brotherhood Award was conferred to Fire Chaplain Mark McCullough.

Faunsdale VFD, Marengo County, received a \$750 Federal grant to benefit non-profit organizations from AseraCare Hospice. The department will use the money for supplies to assist community residents during a crisis.

Owens VFD, Limestone County, held its annual Awards Banquet on December 2nd celebrating 29 years of service to the community. Congratulations to Male Firefighter of the Year Andy Pylant, Female Firefighter of the Year Teresa Lovell, EMT of the Year Sherie Swanner & 10-year Service Award, and Training Officers of the Year Andy Pylant and Scott Jackson. Recognized with the Sara Hurd Award was Teresa Lovell, Barnard Clark Lifetime Service Award and 20-year Service Award was given to Leon Dean, Sara Hurd Award was given to Esther Jernigan and recognized as Most Improved was Andy Pylant. Owens Chief Gary Lovell, Asst Chief Scott Jackson, First Captain Andy Pylant, Second Captain Tim Toone, First Lt. Donald Hill and Second Lt. Chuck Snyder were presented gifts of appreciation for their service.

Lauderdale County Association held their 30th Annual Awards Banquet on January 19th. Congratulations to 2007 Firefighter of the Year Frankie Phillips, Rogersville VFD; Fire Chief of the Year Ted Kavich, Waterloo VFD; EMS Star of Life Award Chris Smith, Waterloo VFD; Rookie Firefighter of the Year Award Madie Pietrzak, Underwood-Petersville VFD; People's Choice Award for Department of the Year, Elgin VFD; and Ladies Auxiliary Individual of the Year Joyce Smith, Waterloo VFD. Also honored with the Individual Fire Prevention Award was Will Vickers,

Waterloo VFD; Alabama Forestry Commission Smokey Bear Award went to Central VFD and the North Alabama State Fair Parking Award was presented to Red Mansell, Oakland VFD. North Alabama State Fair Board of Directors was recognized as Business Supporter of the Year and Barclay Auto Parts, Jeff Barclay, Owner, was recognized as Small Business Supporter of the Year.

Seman VFD, Elmore County, hosted an EVOC Refresher Course on January 22nd.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, sponsored a 12-hour Basic S.C.B.A. class on Jan 31st. Attendance certificates were issued by the Alabama Fire College upon completion of the course.



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FIREFIGHTERS CONDUCT SEARCH, RESCUE TRAINING

By: Josh Dewberry

Monroe Journal Staff Writer

Thirty-four firefighters from three counties descended on Frisco City on February 2nd for a day-long training course that included a live burn.

Frisco City Fire Captain Daniel Day (AAVFD District 7 Director) said 18 Frisco City firefighters, eight Mexia firefighters, three Packer's Bend firefighters and a Burnt Corn firefighter represented Monroe County in the class, and two firefighters from Jackson in Clarke County and two from Nokomis in Escambia County also attended.

Michael Holmes, who is the fire chief at South Alabama Regional Airport Fire-Rescue in Andalusia, was the lead instructor from the Alabama State Fire College with the help

of Satsuma Fire Captain Carey Parker and CBC-Gulfport-NAS firefighters Alex Christie, Tony Cothorn and Joe Martinelli.

Firefighters spent Saturday morning conducting search and rescue through the smoke-filled house, and then set the house ablaze in the afternoon, Day said. Barrels full of hay were used to smoke up the inside of the house.

Those who took part in the basic self-contained breathing apparatus course received an attendance certificate.

The abandoned Snyder Avenue home was donated to the fire department by William and Sarah Bradley of Perdue Hill.



ANNUAL AAVFD AWARD NOMINATION FOR MALE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AND FEMALE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Each year the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments presents these awards to an outstanding firefighter in Alabama.

The nominated individual must be a member of a volunteer fire department that has been a member for three years or more and is currently a member of AAVFD.

These awards are not for valor. Information about a heroic act may be included in some recommendations, but these acts are not necessary to be eligible for one of these awards. Recognize the firefighter and tell why you think he/she should be recognized, attach statements by others who support your nomination.

There are many far-above-average personnel around the state who have not yet been singled out for their volunteer service to their communities.

Recognize these individuals for:

- Leadership
- Length of Service
- Hours Contributed
- Number of Runs Made
- Number of Meetings
- Offices Held (If applicable)
- Training
- Special Contributions to the Department
- Valor (If applicable)

Nominations must be mailed to the AAVFD office no later than May 31st and will be presented at the following annual Conference.

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SERVICE AWARDS

Finchburg VFD

The Finchburg VFD, Monroe County, held its annual Fire Banquet on January 22nd. Firefighters honored with the outstanding Service Award were (Left to Right) Stephanie McGhee accepting for Alice McGhee, Tiny Andress, Joyce Turberville and Marzola McNeil.



Thomasville VFD

Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, Chief Mark Sims presents the Firefighter of the Year Award to Derrick D'Andrea. Also, receiving the Award for the most runs was Derrick and Jonas Prescott, with third place going to Bill Spinks. Lifetime membership was presented to retiring firefighters Mike Wilson and Kevin Nichols.



Tharptown VFD

Firefighter Janice Pennington, Tharptown VFD, Franklin County, was named one of the five finalists for the Times Daily Shoals Woman of the Year. Although she did not win the title, her fellow firefighters are very proud that she was recognized for her outstanding contributions to Tharptown Fire Department over the years.

AAVFD January Board Meeting

A quorum of Officers and Directors traveled to the Sawmeal Restaurant in Brent for the first board meeting of the year on January 19th. This was the same day that Alabama enjoyed its first snowfall in about six years.

Shown is Board Secretary Mary Sells enjoying the snow. The beautiful scene below was photographed by Angie Moffett, wife of District 7 Alternate Director Joey Moffett.



BARBOUR COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION FEE GAINS VOTER APPROVAL

The eleven volunteer fire departments that comprise the Barbour County Fire Fighters Association sponsored a fire protection service fee of \$30 per year to be levied on each residence or dwelling in the county outside the city limits of Eufaula. The fee also levies a \$75 fee on each commercial business.

Otis "Butch" LeCompte researched bills that other counties had passed to raise operating funds for their fire departments. Butch took his proposed bill to the Barbour County Association for recommendations; then took the final draft to the County Commission for their approval. The Association agreed to work to get the bill through the legislature in Montgomery to a vote in the county.

Previously, the volunteer groups were receiving about \$300 per month generated from a tobacco tax.

Volunteer firefighters in Barbour County immediately went to work putting out "Vote Yes" signs, passing out pamphlets outlining the benefits of this additional revenue for departments, and encouraging voters to support the fire protection service fee.

Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Department President Johnny Alberson said, "The cost of this fee is small when broken down on a weekly or even a daily basis, but the 11 volunteer fire departments in Barbour County will benefit in a big way. A dollar amount cannot be placed on the cost of fire protection that is provided by the volunteer fire departments."

On February 5th, voters approved the measure by a vote of 1,554 to 1,208. Firefighters say that approval of this measure will help them save lives, reduce property damage, lower insurance premiums and improve fire department readiness.

With the passage of this fee, a projected \$239,000, minus a 3% collection fee, will be divided among the eleven volunteer fire departments giving each department \$20,700 yearly for operational expenses. Butch LeCompte said, "I'm very proud of the work that the firefighters in Barbour County put into the passage of this bill and feel honored to have played a part in getting funding for the fire departments."



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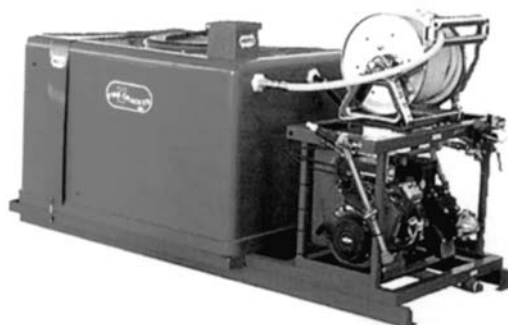
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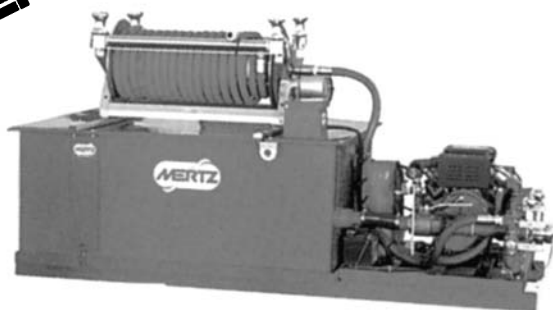
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DISTRICT 8 DEPARTMENTS UPDATE TRAINING

BY: M. J. "MIKE" HOLMES, SR., AAVFD DISTRICT 8 ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

District 8 and the Stapleton VFD sponsored an Alabama Fire College Pro-Board Instructor I course at the Stapleton Fire Department in October of last year. The course yielded 8 new Certified Instructors and included participants from Rabun VFD, Gulf Shores Fire-Rescue, Robertsedale VFD, Stockton VFD and Stapleton VFD. Special thanks to Lt. Steven Stewart of Bay Minette Fire Department for donating his time to instruct the class.

Chief Tim Pouncey and Chief Shaun Carrol of Stapleton VFD have been instrumental in bringing updated training to many rural departments in the area by sponsoring both past and upcoming AFC Field Courses on a regular basis. Their department should truly be commended on their effort and dedication to the volunteer fire service in District 8. A few of the courses being offered the first part of this new year are Firefighter II, First Responder, Apparatus Operator, Aerial Operator and the 160-hour Volunteer Firefighter Certifications. Anyone interest in participating in these classes should contact Alternate Director Mike Holmes, Sr. of District 8 at 251-586-1222.



Right to Left: Tim Pouncey-Stapleton VFD, Michael Lucas-Robertsedale VFD, Bo Smith-Gulf Shores F/R, Randall Carson-Rabun VFD, Lt. Steven Stewart-Bay Minette F/R, Shaun Carrol-Stapleton VFD, Shawn Paulson-Stockton VFD, Mike Holmes-Alternate Director District 8, Richard Abbott-Gulf Shores F/R and Richard Guidon, AFC

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Springhill Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1986. Nathaniel Upshaw, Sr. was the first Fire Chief. Department members were McDonald Comer, Rev. Fletcher Pugh, Arthur Comer, LeAndrew Comer, LeAndrew Pugh, Leon Streater and Daniel George.

The department had one truck, which was old and unreliable. As the years passed, progress was made.

In 1992, LeAndrew Pugh became Fire Chief. Between 1992 and 1999, the department acquired two more trucks and updated firefighting equipment.

In 2007, the department purchased a new truck, after acquiring a grant that paid the larger portion of the truck's cost. The department has also received grant money to purchase much-needed equipment.

At present, the department's project is remodeling the firehouse to properly store the trucks and equipment. We are financed by monthly dues and a yearly assess-

ment of area churches, organizations, hunting lodges and plantation owners.

Our present members are Chief LeAndrew Pugh, Asst. Chief LeAndrew Comer, McDonald Comer, Alfred Streater, Lewis Thomas, Arthur Comer, Leon Streater, R. H. Brown, Milton George, Quinton Tarver and Henry Simpson.

Female Officers, but not firefighters, are Recording Secretary Bertha Farmer Denard and Financial Secretary Yola T. Comer.



2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2008 Annual AAVFD Conference will be hosted by the District III Association in Tuscaloosa Alabama on August 1-2, 2008.

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.

All activities will be held at the Alabama Fire College, 2501 Phoenix Drive, Tuscaloosa AL - 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.

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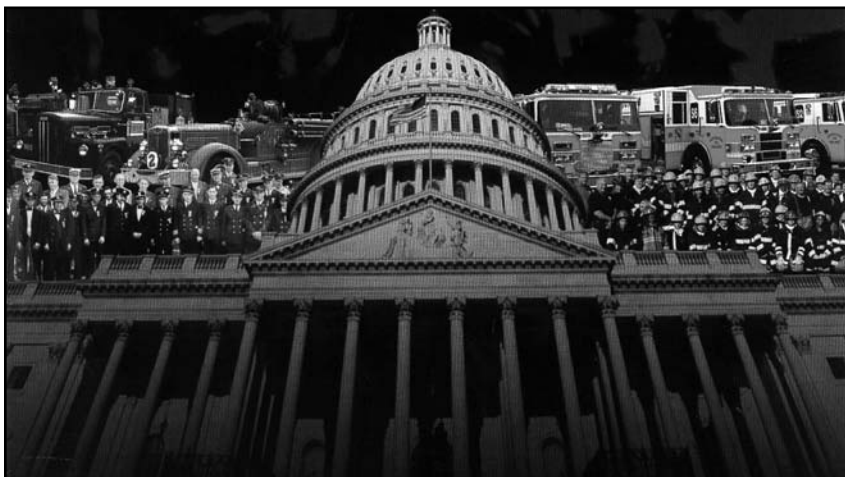
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NATIONAL LEGISLATION BENEFITING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS PERSONNEL

Congress passed the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act in both the House and Senate, prohibiting the federal government from taxing benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel by state and local units of government. The Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007 includes a provision that will specifically exclude from taxable income any property tax benefit and up to \$360 per year for all other payments from a state or local unit of government to volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel.

Congress also passed the fiscal year 2008 omnibus appropriations bill that President Bush is expected to sign into law. The \$550 billion bill contains a number of successes for America's fire service, including an increase of more than \$75 million for the SAFER grant program, an increase

of \$13 million for the FIRE grant program, a \$50 million increase for the Urban Area Security Initiative grants, a \$7.5 million increase for urban search and rescue teams and level funding for the U.S. Fire Administration. The legislation also appropriates \$2.8 billion to prevent and fight Wildland fires, including \$300 million in emergency funding.



The owners of the Old Mill House Pawn Shop allowed Grove Hill Volunteer Firefighters (Clarke County) to burn the structure for live training. The old structure was a feed mill years ago and burned quickly, sending up spectacular flames and black smoke.

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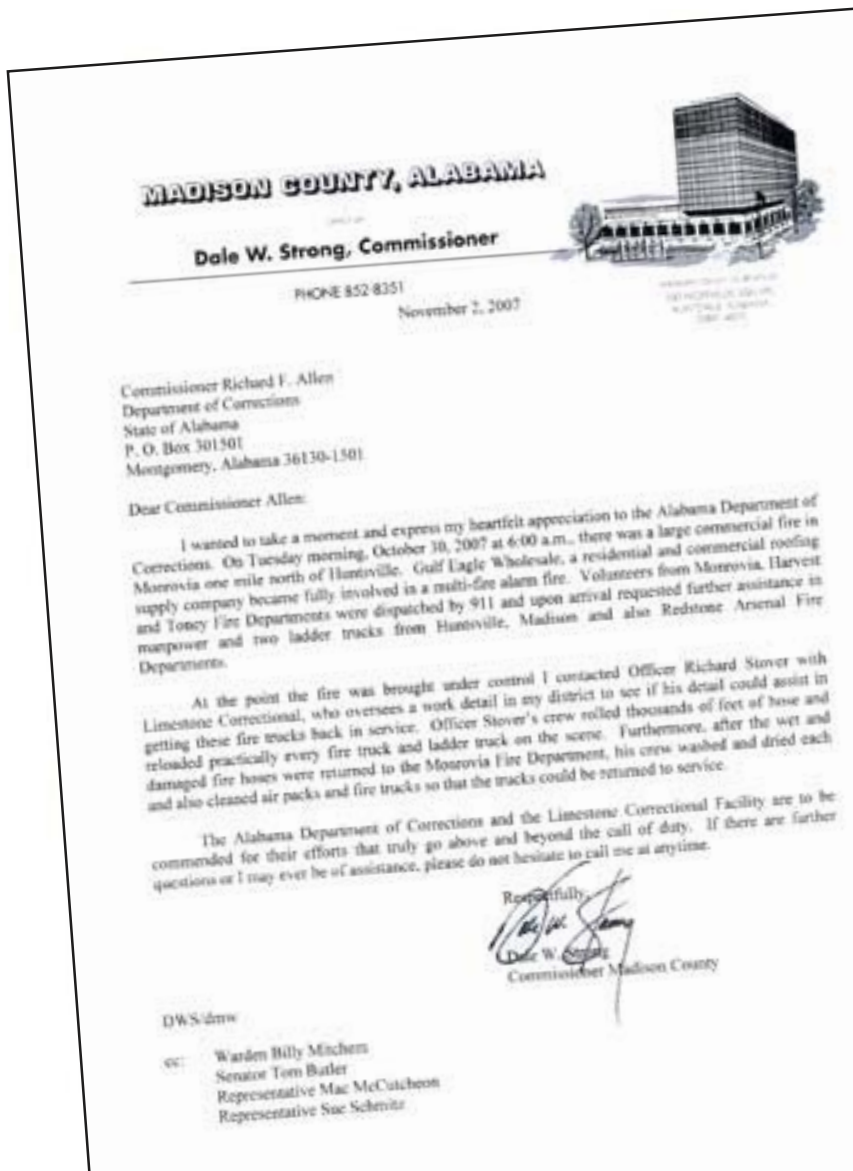


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Inmates assist in Fire Truck recovery following Gulf Eagle fire.



Left: Multi-Alarm fire burns out of control at Gulf Eagle Wholesale In Monrovia, Al.

Right: Firefighters battle the Gulf Eagle Blaze



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The house was a total loss despite the best efforts of Ashford Firefighters, aided by equipment and firefighters from Cottonwood, Cowarts, Pansey, Kinsey and Rehobeth in Houston County. A husband and wife, with four children, lived in the home. The wife came home from work and spotted the fire. There were no injuries, and the Red Cross was on the scene shortly to provide assistance to the family. Also, members of The Ordinary People's Society responded to lend spiritual and other assistance.



Upon arriving on the scene of a vehicle fire, Rehobeth Fire-Rescue firefighters in Houston County found a gold Toyota pickup bogged in a field behind the residence. Apparently, the owner of the truck had been trying to go mudding when he bogged down. Efforts to get the vehicle out caused the truck's engine to heat up, catching fire to the tall grass under the truck. A small Honda Civic was bogged in the mud in front of the truck. It is unknown why the car was in the mud. (Use your own imagination!) The Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire and pull both vehicles out of the mud.

Riverside VFD, St Clair County, responded to a mobile home fire in which a man died. The fast-moving fire caused the mobile home to explode. An animal lover, his parrot also died in the fire.



Abbeville Fire & Rescue responded to a mobile home fire on the morning of January 29th around 9:20 a.m. They found the home fully engulfed in flames and battled the blaze for over 45 minutes before getting the fire under control. The owners were in the process of moving in and no one was present when the fire started. Screamer VFD and Henry County EMA and Sheriff's Department assisted.



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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		0 of 32
SHELBY		10 of 19
ST CLAIR		17 of 20
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE		1 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		4 of 15
TALLAPOOSA		0 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		0 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
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COVINGTON	100%	20 of 20
CRENSHAW	100%	12 of 12
ESCAMBIA	100%	22 of 22
MONROE	100%	14 of 14

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN		17 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		0 of 7
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ATLANTA - The holiday season is a time for counting blessings, for thinking of others before yourself, for saying "Thank You" to special people.

It is also the time when Georgia-Pacific - through the Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ program - thanks the selfless members of volunteer fire departments across the country who battle blazes, perform dangerous rescues, deal with hazardous material spills, assist with homeland security needs, provide safety education to children, and so much more - and do it all with aging, failing equipment or without the specialized gear they need. They also do it all without getting paid.

How does Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ acknowledge and reward all that volunteers do? By providing \$105,000 in grants to fire departments across the country that are trying to meet their communities' pressing needs for trained and equipped personnel. Over the last two years, the program has provided more than \$200,000 in support nationally, along with donations of hundreds of cases of paper products for department use.

The fact is, demand for volunteer firefighters is up. According to statistics from the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), volunteers comprise 72 percent of firefighters in the United States (of the total estimated 1,136,650 volunteer and paid firefighters across the country, 823,350 are volunteer). Also, small communities (populations under 10,000) and mid-sized communities (those with populations above 10,000) rely heavily on volunteer firefighters.

But how can these communities with limited resources cope with stark budget realities, where equipment prices for one portable radio and simple items such as nozzles can start at nearly \$500, one set of replacement turnout gear is nearly \$1,400, and the average cost to train and equip a single firefighter is nearly \$27,000? Add on the fact that emergency response vehicles can cost \$80,000 or more and it can leave some communities struggling to keep up.

Nearly 60 departments applied for the grants, with the following final recipients being chosen:

Department	Location	Grant Amount
Norwood Rural Volunteer Fire Department	Ft. Gibson, Okla.	\$20,000
Porum Landing Fire Protection Association	Porum, Okla.	Community Grant
Warner Volunteer Fire Department	Warner, Okla.	
North Crossett Fire Department	Crossett, Ark.	\$20,000
Clay County Volunteer Fire Department	Fort Gaines, Ga.	\$10,000
Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Department	Mist, Ore.	\$10,000
Needham-Land Volunteer Fire Department	Needham, Ala.	\$10,000
Coy Volunteer Fire Department	Coy, Ala.	\$5,000
Thorsby Fire Department	Thorsby, Ala.	\$5,000
Woodruff County Fire Department	Lexington, Ky.	\$5,000
Mount Olive-Unit # 7, Station 1	Gillespie, Ill.	\$5,000
Frank Fort Fire Department	Frankfort, Kan.	\$5,000
Winston County Fire Association	Louisville, Miss.	\$5,000
Maynor Creek Fire Station	Waynesboro, Miss.	\$5,000

"It is especially gratifying to see that our grants are helping make communities near Georgia-Pacific facilities safer," said Jim Hannan, chief executive officer and president. "Fire fighting is dangerous and, in the majority of communities across the country, volunteer and small town fire companies are the only emergency units. It means a lot to help these departments."

The Georgia-Pacific Bucket Brigade™ is a national program that recognizes and supports the contributions of fire departments in communities with Georgia-Pacific facilities. The program supports firefighters in several areas including product and cash donations for programming and equipment, and safety education materials for presentations in local schools.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter Bob Phillips (64) Volunteer
Department: Athelstane VFD, Athelstane WI
Date of Death: 10/25/07
Cause of Death: Collapsed of apparent heart attack while operating pump at a chimney fire and later passed away.

Name/Rank: Asst Fire Chief Ralph Cross (73) Volunteer
Department: Charlevoix Township FD, Charlevoix MI
Date of Death: 10/27/07
Cause of Death: Collapsed and passed away from apparent heart attack while performing public fire prevention and education duties.

Name/Rank: Lt. Scott Mumm (34) Paid-on-Call
Department: Mendota FD, Mendota IL
Date of Death: 10/29/07
Cause of Death: Wife attempted to awaken him from a nap about 1-1/2 hrs after he had responded to a coal rail car fire. Paramedics found him not breathing with no pulse. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jeremy Wach (31) Volunteer
Department: Wymore Fire & Rescue Dept, Wymore NE
Date of Death: 11/5/07
Cause of Death: Roof collapsed on Wach and two other firefighters at house fire. The two firefighters were able to make it out with minor injuries but Firefighter Wach was pinned under the roof, and firefighters were unable to free him due to intense fire, heat & smoke.

Name/Rank: Chief Stanley Engdahl (78) Volunteer
Department: McPherson County Rural Fire Dept # 2, Marquette KS
Date of Death: 11/12/07
Cause of Death: While clearing premises on residential fire, Chief Engdahl suffered apparent heart attack and passed away on the scene.

Name/Rank: Chief Ronny A. Bennett (39) Volunteer
Department: Orcutt Fire Protection District, Orcutt CA
Date of Death: 11/13/07
Cause of Death: Apparently suffered heart attack while preparing to depart his home in response to a medical call. He was found at his residence deceased the following day by fire department personnel.

Name/Rank: Senior Firefighter Michael J. Tluscik (48) Career
Department: Kansas City Kansas FD, Kansas City KS
Date of Death: 11/21/07
Cause of Death: Experienced difficulty breathing after returning from an alarm. He was transported to a medical facility where he was pronounced dead.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John Curry (30) Career
Department: Volusia County Fire Service, Deland FL
Date of Death: 11/27/07
Cause of Death: Passed away from injuries received when tree fell on him during training exercise at Volusia County Fire Training Center.

Name/Rank: Asst Chief Jon Bingham (48) Volunteer
Department: Geary FD, Geary OK
Date of Death: 11/30/07
Cause of Death: Stayed on-scene of apartment building fire over 18 hours until recovery of fatality was completed. Several hours after returning home and going to bed, he passed away from apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Asst Chief Alphonse Germano (60) Volunteer
Department: Derry VFD, Derry PA
Date of Death: 12/15/07
Cause of Death: After responding to an automatic fire alarm, he worked communications on a residential fire. After assisting with apparatus service following the fire, fellow firefighters found him in cardiac arrest in firehouse kitchen. He passed away in the hospital of apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Donald Wallis (68) Volunteer
Department: Forked River VF Company, Forked River NJ
Date of Death: 12/16/07
Cause of Death: Suffered massive heart attack while on-duty performing duties on special detail on December 8th. He succumbed to heart attack eight days later.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Medical First Responder Peter G. Neilson (74) Volunteer
Department: Kenockee Township FD, Avoca MI
Date of Death: 12/17/07
Cause of Death: Passed out as he was speaking with family members of the patient on a medical call. He was transported to hospital where he succumbed to apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Raymond Simonis (48) Volunteer
Department: Wissahickon Fire Company, Ambler PA
Date of Death: 12/19/07
Cause of Death: Began having shortness of breath, a cough, but no chest pains, several hours after responding to mutual aid structure fire. When being transferred from ambulance stretcher to ER table, he coded and the ER team was unsuccessful in attempts to revive him.

Name/Rank: Asst Captain Theresa Maria Lynn (38) Volunteer
Department: Luminary-Frostbite VFD, Spring City TN
Date of Death: 12/21/07
Cause of Death: While responding to a MVA rollover in rain & fog conditions, she lost control of her POV in an "S-turn", running off the road and striking a tree. She succumbed to her injuries at the scene.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Walter C. Fagan (48) Volunteer
Department: East Greenwich Twp F/R, Mickleton NJ
Date of Death: 12/29/07
Cause of Death: Went into Cardiac Arrest while responding on FD apparatus to reported dwelling fire. He was transported to hospital by EMS and died shortly after arrival.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Donald G. Paterson (65) Volunteer
Department: Kimball Township FD, Kimball MI
Date of Death: 1/1/08
Cause of Death: Stayed on stand-by at station during wires down call during serious winter storm. A short time after returning home, he experienced chest pains, was taken to hospital, but passed away during surgery.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Paul Lewis Ellington (36) Volunteer
Department: Oregon Hill VFD, Reidsville NC
Date of Death: 1/1/08
Cause of Death: Died of injuries received in vehicle accident while operating POV in response to residential structure fire.

Name/Rank: Lt John H. Martinson (40) Career
Department: FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 1/3/08
Cause of Death: Heart attack on fire scene.

Name/Rank: Captain James L. Robeson (50) Career
Department: Scranton FD, Scranton PA
Date of Death: 1/6/08
Cause of Death: When the bucket lift of ladder truck ascended to higher elevation, the bucket lift reached a height that put it near power lines and there was an arc of electricity from those lines to the truck, electrocuting Capt. Roberson, the other firefighter in the bucket, and two other firefighters who were near the truck. He passed away from his injuries, but the other three firefighters' injuries were not life-threatening.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Harvey Jordan (71) Volunteer
Department: Penn Hills # 1 VFD, Pittsburgh PA
Date of Death: 1/7/08
Cause of Death: Experienced shortness of breath while responding to station for an automatic fire alarm. He passed away at hospital.

Name/Rank: Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Jarrett A. Dixon (36) Career
Department: Baltimore County FD, Towson MA
Date of Death: 1/12/08
Cause of Death: Experienced chest pain performing physical fitness training while on duty at station on January 9th. He had a cardiac catheterization, returned home and suffered cardiac arrest while being transported back to hospital where he passed away.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Louis P. Berra (49) Career
Department: West County EMS & Fire Protection District, Manchester MO
Date of Death: 1/18/08
Cause of Death: Found deceased in bedroom of his duty station firehouse after performing physical fitness activities during his shift the previous afternoon. Cause of death is pending further investigation, though preliminary indications are cardiac related.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert L. McAtee, Sr. (55) Volunteer
Department: Huttonsville-Mill Creek VF, Huttonsville WV
Date of Death: 1/20/08
Cause of Death: He reported to his Chief that he thought that he pulled a muscle opening the apparatus bay door when leaving the station for the scene of a chimney fire. Although he was observed holding his chest, he indicated that the extremely cold weather causing his discomfort. Several hours after he returned home, he was unresponsive. CPR was initiated on scene and care was continued through transport to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Name/Rank: Asst Chief/EMS Director Christa Dawn Burchett (33) Career
Department: Paintsville Fire-Rescue-EMS, Paintsville KY
Date of Death: 1/22/08
Cause of Death: Fatally injured while working scene of minor vehicle accident. A coal truck braked in icy conditions and struck both Burchett and her pregnant patient, Erica Brown. Brown was pronounced at the scene. Burchett was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced dead. Another firefighter/EMT was treated and released from the hospital.

Name/Rank: Lt Herman S. Jones (58) Career
Department: Raleigh FD/Raleigh NC
Date of Death: 1/22/08
Cause of Death: While exercising behind station when alarm rang on January 18th, he ran back inside to respond. He complained that he thought he had pulled his left hamstring. Although he answered calls during the day, he later suffered extreme pain and was transported to the hospital. Tests indicated Lt. Jones was suffering from a torn aorta, and he passed away three days later.

Name/Rank: Chief Walter Clyde Walker, Jr. (68) Volunteer
Department: Collinsville VFD, Collinsville MS
Date of Death: 1/26/08
Cause of Death: While responding to a MVA in wet conditions, he lost control of his POV, striking a tree, dying instantly upon impact.

Name/Rank: Captain Donald W. Hubbel (42) Career
Department: Baltimore City FD, Baltimore MA
Date of Death: 2/1/08
Cause of Death: Suffered an apparent heart attack and died after participating in strenuous fire rescue company training activities at fire academy the previous day.

Name/Rank: Chief Paul Swander (73) Volunteer
Department: Ohio City FD, Ohio City OH
Date of Death: 2/2/08
Cause of Death: Passed away from injuries sustained from fall off ladder while he was working in the firehouse on generators in preparation for a pending storm.

Name/Rank: Captain David Sherfick (40) Career
Department: Brown Township Fire-Rescue, Mooresville IN
Date of Death: 2/4/08
Cause of Death: Passed away at scene of vehicle accident between fire department ambulance he was operating and a privately owned vehicle. The driver of the POV that had crossed over the center lane striking the ambulance was also pronounced at the scene. Another Firefighter/EMT passenger was sent to hospital with unspecified injuries.

Name/Rank: Chief Matthew Hubly (43) Paid-on-Call
Department: Kankakee Township Fire Protection District, Kankakee IL
Date of Death: 2/7/08
Cause of Death: While attending meeting at industrial facility regarding fire protection systems on February 1st, Chief Hubly became ill and unresponsive. He suffered full cardiac arrest upon arrival at hospital. He was revived but passed away several days later.

Name/Rank: Firefighter James Earl Arthur (19) Volunteer
Department: Cold Water F/R, Concord NC
Date of Death: 2/11/08
Cause of Death: While responding to MVA call, he was ejected when his POV left road and rolled. He died from his injuries. Reports indicate that he was not wearing a seat belt.

Name/Rank: Chief Kerry Sheridan (75) Part-Time Paid
Department: Troy Township Fire Protection District, Shorewood IL
Date of Death: 2/12/08
Cause of Death: Found unresponsive in his fire department office and was transported to Medical Center where he was pronounced. Coroner attributed his death to natural causes.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Cardiovascular disease, including heart attack and stroke, is the number one cause of death in America. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 700,000 people die of heart disease in the United States each year, which accounts for about 29% of all U.S. deaths. The emergency services are not immune to this tragic statistic. Heart disease remains the leading cause of firefighter fatalities, with about half of all firefighter line-of-duty deaths, each year attributed to heart attacks.

Heart attacks and strokes were responsible for the deaths of 54 firefighters (47%) in 2007. Percentage-wise, this is down from 2006, in which 54 of the 106 (51%) firefighters died from heart attacks and stroke. The firefighter statistics for 2007 are provisional and subject to change as the USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify the names of firefighters reported to have died on-duty during 2007. The final, annual firefighter fatality report for 2007 is expected to be available by early June.

THE BELL TOLLED

Chief Dennis Sims, Colony VFD, Cullman County, passed away November 28, 2007.

James Anthony Lard, Zip City VFD, Lauderdale County, passed away December 27, 2007.

William David Canada, Dodge City VFD, Cullman County, passed away December 29, 2007.

Paramedic Allan Bragwell, Underwood-Petersville VFD, Lauderdale County, flew his final mission on December 30, 2007. Air Evac N1209AE crashed with Pilot Michael Baker, Flight Nurse Tiffany Miles and Paramedic Bragwell, killing all aboard.

Chief Stephen Allen Sullivan, Nicol VFD, Tuscaloosa County, passed away January 16, 2008.

John Francis "J.B." Brazil, Jr., East Brewton VFD, Escambia County, passed away January 20, 2008.

Thomas Wade McNaughton, Dixonville VFD, Escambia County, passed away January 27, 2008. He was a founder of the department and a member for 12 years.

Ruth Johnson, Boykin-Damascus VFD, Escambia County, passed away January 31, 2008. A 25-year department member, she also served as a Board Member and was County Association Secretary for 10 years.

Phillip Drahos, Oak Grove VFD, Mobile County, passed away February 3, 2008.

Kency Hartzog, Baker Hill VFD and Retired Chief of Texasville VFD, Barbour County, passed away February 8, 2008. He served as Texasville Chief for 25 years.

Curtis Miller, Salitpa VFD, Washington County, lost his battle to bone cancer February 13, 2008. He helped form the fire department in September 1986 and was a lifetime member. He currently served as Chaplain and treasurer on the Board of Directors. He was a member of River Hill Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and a Veteran of the National Guard Reserve. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Cleve Mosley, Lusk VFD, Choctaw County, passed away February 23, 2008.

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