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ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

**In Partnership With
Volunteer Fire Departments of Alabama, Alabama Forestry Commission, Rural Community Fire Protection
Institute, Alabama Fire Marshal's Office and the USDA Forest Service**

Alabama has a strong, proud heritage in the volunteer fire service with more than 1,000 volunteer fire departments in the state with over 25,000 members. Alabama has a serious fire problem, both structural and wildfire. In the year 2002, there were 64 fire related deaths in Alabama. There were approximately 3,060 wildfires that burn approximately 37,350 acres. In the year 2002, these wildfires threatened approximately 1,290 homes and structures and destroyed 92 homes and other structures.

The most effective way to change this situation is to encourage people to be safer with fire and to change their attitude about fire through fire prevention. The volunteer fire departments in Alabama are well positioned and capable of playing a key role in making Alabama more fire safe. The volunteer fire departments are well respected in every community. Fire departments have tremendous capability because of the

25,000 members and even more auxiliary members. An effective fire prevention program will provide a valuable community service and benefit the fire department by generating goodwill toward the department and by reducing the number of fires the department has to deal with.

The fire situation is similar across the South and the nation. The wildfire season of 2000 was one of the worst on record for homes and acres burned. This tremendous wildfire season prompted congress to appropriate additional funds to federal wildland fire agencies in an effort to reduce losses from Wildland fire. Some of these funds were passed through to the various state wildland fire agencies for the purpose of improving wildfire capabilities. Some funds for the state agencies were earmarked to assist volunteer fire departments in being more effective in dealing with wildland fires including preventing them. Funding for the Wildland Fire Prevention Grant project is provided from Alabama Forestry Commission funds and from federal funds through the U. S. Forest Service.

Program Goals:

1. To reduce the number of wildfires and resulting structural losses in Alabama.
2. To increase the visibility and importance of volunteer fire departments in their communities.

Program Objectives:

1. To provide an additional means for the volunteer fire departments to have contact with the communities they serve to assist in public relations.
2. To encourage volunteer fire departments to identify and develop continuing funding sources for wild fire pre-

vention other than just this grant, for example, corporate sponsors.

3. To encourage volunteer fire departments to develop wildfire prevention plan for their communities.
4. To provide an opportunity for volunteer fire departments to coordinate their wildfire prevention program with the fire prevention program of the local Alabama Forestry Commission unit.

Eligible Recipients:

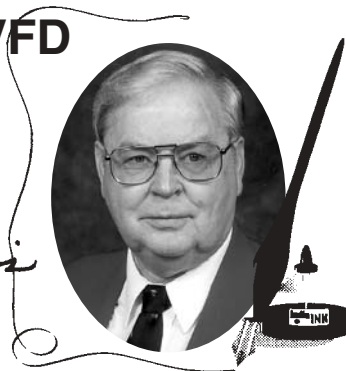
- Volunteer fire departments organized as part of a municipality.
- Volunteer fire departments that are non-profit organizations.
- County fire associations that are non-profit organizations.
- District fire associations that are non-profit organizations.



FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Dennis



In the January issue of "THE VOLUNTEER", we announced this association with the cooperation of the Alabama Forestry Commission; will once again provide another Wildland Fire Prevention Grant for the year 2003.

The primary intent of this program is to assist Alabama volunteer fire departments, county association or a combination of both, to develop or continue a Wildland Fire Prevention program in your county. I hope you will agree, fire prevention is "the smart way to fight fire." With the numbers of our volunteers decreasing across our state, we must find a better and more cost effective way to provide fire protection and prevention to our communities. Fire prevention can be the most successful way in doing just that.

We recommend your prevention program be developed in these project areas. Education, Public Involvement/Public Information, Advertisement, Public Notice or Promotional Literature. Each of these categories has many options your departments can use in this program. We have also extended the time frame to allow your departments to prepare for Fire Prevention week, which is October 5-11-03.

I do want to remind all departments; this is a Wildland Fire Prevention Program and not a Fire Safety Program. Our committee will not approve applications designed outside the guidelines of "Wildland Fire Prevention." I have enclosed a list of Project Areas and a list of items that cannot be purchased with funds from this grant. This is not a complete list as we expect other items to be submitted that could be questionable. If you have any questions regarding the grant application process, contact the AAVFD office by phone (1-888-97-AAVFD) or email AAVFD@mindspring.com you can also contact your district or alternate AAVFD director. We hope this will help you in preparing your applications.

At the request of the Alabama Forestry Commission and the Western Governor's Association, I attended a meeting in New Orleans in January, to testify before the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Seven people (referred to as Stakeholders) from across the United States, outside the realms of the federal and state government, were asked to present testimony regarding ways to improve the National Fire Plan. The purpose of this council was to evaluate the National Fire Plan established during the Clinton administration to determine what changes were needed to better serve the goal of this plan.

The National Fire Plan was developed to deal with the Wildland fire and hazardous fuels situation, as well as the needs for habitat restoration and rehabilitation in the Nation. Over the years, many states from the west coast to the east coast have experienced devastating losses in Wildland fires. The federal government realizes a massive effort must be undertaken to utilize all of the resources of federal, state and county governments to reduce the threat of Wildland fire to people and communities. Millions of federal dollars have been established for this program. However, due to the major differences in the fire problems of the western states from those of the eastern states the design in funding for the National Fire Plan was shortcoming. In the western states most fires are caused by lightning strikes, which require large numbers of firefighters and equipment, including air tractors (air tankers) to suppress these fires. In the southern states, many fires are caused by carelessness or arson. Most fires can be brought under control in a matter of minutes without the loss of property or lives, due to the south being blessed with many volunteer fire departments. Those that do require additional assistance are generally handled by calling in volunteers and the Forestry Commission with small dozers to suppress these fires. This is not to say that we in the south do not have major fires to deal with, as was the case in Florida only a few years ago.

The National program has one major flaw, that being the design of the funding. This design provides no flexibility from east to west. It is the consensus of the Governors Associations; each region should establish their own funding priorities. Alabama needs vary from that of California as more funds are needed in Preparedness. In western states, the greatest need in this program is funding for reducing hazardous fuels loads.

The testimony given in New Orleans was reduced from a 26-page document down to 13 issues for a five-minute presentation, this time permitted only comments center on two.

The first issue was flexibility in the design of the National Funding Formula. In Alabama private landowners control approximately 94% of Alabama's forest. The remaining 6% is under the control of a combination of Federal, State and local governments. Due to this fact, mitigation efforts are not as successful as preparedness in Alabama and most other southern states. At present 75% of our federal support dollars go toward fire mitigation issues and 25% toward preparedness issues. The opinion is that these percentages should be reversed with 75% going to preparedness and 25% going into mitigation programs.

The second issue was related to The Volunteer Fire Service. There are about 1,200 volunteer fire departments, which were formed primarily for structural fire protection. Because they are high in numbers and most in rural communities, they are able to respond in a short time and suppress most wildland fires before developing into uncontrollable fires. Unfortunately, the volunteer service across our nation is facing a major problem, that being, we are losing volunteers. If the regions had the flexibility to set their own guidelines in funding the National Fire Plan across America, more monies could be placed in Rural Fire Prevention programs. Flexibility in the National Fire Plan Formula will maximize the return on our federal dollars and the fire service be it the States Forestry Commissions or the rural volunteer fire departments. **Fire prevention is the smart way to fight fire** not only in Alabama but all across America.

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Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

W.L. Langston, Executive Director

The Alabama Fire College has scheduled our 67th Annual Fire College Week for April 24-27, 2003. In 1936, the State Fire College was under the administration of the Trade and Industrial Education Department, Division of Vocational Education, State Department of Education. It was decided by state legislature that there be an annual training session for fire fighters in Alabama. This annual training session has evolved into what is known today as Fire College Week.

The 2003 Fire College Week includes seven classes on Thursday/Friday and ten classes on Saturday/Sunday. For the cost of \$25, members of your department may attend all four days of training. Some of the courses offered include: Basic Rope Rescue, Crash Victim Extrication, Basic SCBA, Emergency Response to Terrorism, and Basic Confined Space. In addition to these courses, we are proud to offer two National Fire Academy courses, Methods for Enhancing Safety and Arson Detection

for the First Responder.

"We expect a record crowd for the 2003 Fire College Week activities," said Alabama Fire College Executive Director Dr. W.L. Langston. "It is great to see how much Fire College Week has grown over the years."

For more information or to register for Fire College Week, contact Janet LeVert at 205.343.7407, or visit our website at www.alabamafirecollege.org.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Annual dues to AAVFD were due on January 1, 2003 and should be sent to the Montgomery office. Membership dues for county associations with 100% membership are \$35 per department. Dues for individual fire departments are \$40 per department.

If you have not sent you dues, please take a moment to do this now. If you are not a member and wish to be, contact the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833, and we will be glad to provide you with membership information.

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY APRIL 30, 2003

Each year the Association presents an award for Firefighter of the Year and the Sherry Garner Memorial Award. The Sherry Garner Memorial Award honors Alabama's first lady firefighter lost in the line of duty.

The nominated individual must be a member of a volunteer fire department that is a current member of AAVFD. No form is required. Recommend the firefighter and tell why you think he or she should be recognized, attach statements by others, if

you wish.

These awards are not for valor. Information about a heroic act may be included in some recommendations, but these acts are necessary to be eligible for one of these awards. This is your opportunity to recognize that person for the many contributions they have made to your department and the fire service.

Nominations must be mailed to the AAVFD office no later than April 30th. The Awards will be presented at the annual Conference in Fort Payne in June.

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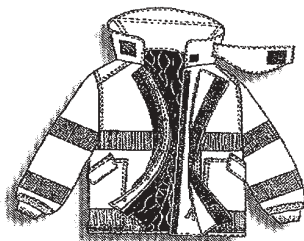
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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS statewide continues to pay off in improved ISO ratings. Listed below are changes in ratings.

DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	PRIOR RATING	CURRENT RATING	DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	PRIOR RATING	CURRENT RATING
Effective January, 2003				Putnam	Marengo	–	7/9
Carrollton	Pickens	6/9	5/9	Southside	Etowah	6/9	5/9
Dauphin Island	Mobile	7/9	6/9	Walnut Grove	Etowah	7/9	6/9
Dozier	Crenshaw	9/9	8/9	Effective February, 2003			
Gallant	Etowah	8/9	7/9	Alexandria	Calhoun	8/9	6/9
Liberty	Pickens	9/9	5/9	Enterprise (Associate)	Coffee	5	3/9
Maytown	Jefferson	7/9	5/9	Oxford	Calhoun	5/9	4/9
Perdido	Baldwin	8/9	7/9	West Blocton	Bibb	7/9	6/9

Congratulations to these departments and their hard working members! Improved ISO ratings are what we are often measured by and it's obvious that Alabama Volunteer Fire Departments measure up!

Frisco City VFD and Uriah VFD, Monroe County, held a 12-hr. extrication class February 23-March 1.

Coffeeville VFD, Clarke County, received a \$2,500 grant for equipment, including air packs and spare cylinders, from Weyerhaeuser Foundation, Pine Hill Operations. The Foundation has directed more than \$150 million to the communities where Weyerhaeuser employees live and work.

Lipscomb VFD, Jefferson County, hosted an EMT-Basic Refresher class on March 1st & 2nd.

Springville VFD, St. Clair County, hosted an Apparatus Operator Pumper course in February and March.

Fire grant writing season began March 3rd, when Congress approved \$750M for the 2003 Fire Act, twice the amount awarded for last year's FEMA grant program.

Lauderdale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments held its 25th Annual Awards Banquet on January 19th.

Conecuh County Male Firefighter of the Year – Rodney Morgan, Range VFD

Conecuh County Female Firefighter of the Year – Carol Cobb, Paul VFD

Conecuh County Male EMT of the Year – Larry Wayne Davis, Lenox-Springhill VFD

Conecuh County Female EMT of the Year – Doris Mitchell, Herbert VFD

Castleberry VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Phillip Sims

Herbert VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Wayne Gladwell

Sandcut VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Johnny Mack Bartlett

Range VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Daryl Knowles

Repton VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Bryan Wesley White

Brownville-Owassa VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Gary Coleman

Lenox-Springhill VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Larry Wayne Davis

Lenox-Springhill VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Johnathon Bartlett

Johnsonville VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Lesia Jones

Paul VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Paul Mathews

Evergreen VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Johnathon Smith

Brooklyn VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Debbie Gibson

Beat Eight VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – H. H. Sanford

Belleville VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Michael Lambert

Skinnerton VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Shelly Jean Booker

Skinnerton VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Virginia Booker Hampton

Nymph VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Clarence McCreary, Sr.

Pine Orchard VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Tom Boatwright

Burnt Corn VFD, Conecuh County, Volunteer of the Year – Roosevelt Betts

Conecuh County Rescue Squad Volunteer of the Year – Patrick Caylor

From Here and There (continued)

Conecuh County EMS Star of Life – Michael Lambert,
Belleville VFD

Conecuh County President's Award - Outgoing President Butch
Cobb, Paul VFD

Conecuh County President's Award– Secretary Loria Morgan,
Range VFD

Conecuh County President's Award– EMA Director Billy Mims,
Repton VFD

Conecuh County President's Award – Treasurer Jeppie Dees,
Nymph VFD

Conecuh County President's Award - Communications Officer
Clayton Cobb, Sr., Paul VFD

Conecuh County President's Award - Training Officer Larry
Davis, Lenox-Springhill VFD

Lauderdale County Speaker's Appreciation Plaque – Keynote
Speaker Dennis Homan, Football Player for University of
Alabama and the Dallas Cowboys.

Woodmen of the World Insurance Society Special Award –
Assistant Chief Randy Brown, Killen VFD, Lauderdale
County

Kids' Fire and Life Safety Team Supporter of the Year – Mrs.
Jerri Sibley, Lauderdale County

Lauderdale County Board Member Appreciation Award – Bobby
Smith, Cloverdale VFD

Lauderdale County Board Member Appreciation Award – Ted
Kavich, Waterloo VFD

Lauderdale County Board Member Appreciation Award – Jeff
Rich, Underwood-Petersville VFD

Lauderdale County Board Member Appreciation Award –
Wesley Smith, Central VFD

Lauderdale County Small Business Supporter of the Year –
Piggly Wiggly of Central

Lauderdale County Large Business Supporter of the Year –
Lowes of Florence Manager Dale White

Lauderdale County Parking Attendant Award – Dwayne Pose,
Zip City VFD

Lauderdale County Alabama Forestry Commission's Smokey
Bear Award – Waterloo VFD

Lauderdale County Wildland/Urban Interface Advisory Board
"Firesafe in the Interface" Award – Brian Balch, Lexington
VFD and Greg Angus, Florence FD

Lauderdale County Individual Fire Prevention Award – Brian
Balch, Lexington VFD and Greg Angus, Florence FD

Lauderdale County Ladies Auxiliary Individual of the Year –
Frances Holder, Mid-Lauderdale VFD

Lauderdale County Fire Chief of the Year – Chief Gary Jaynes,
Underwood-Petersville VFD

Lauderdale County People's Choice Award for Department of
the Year – Zip City VFD

Lauderdale County Rookie Firefighter of the Year – Matt
Cochran, Central VFD

Lauderdale County Firefighter of the Year – Sam Blackmon,
Underwood-Petersville VFD

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Legislation Sponsored by AAVFD

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments has presented three bills to the Alabama Senate and House for approval and passage. HB203 would allow free tuition for volunteer firefighters to any 2-year or 4-year institution of higher education in the state. This bill also includes job protection for the volunteer firefighter. No employer may terminate, use any disciplinary action against, or reduce the wages of an employee who is a member of a volunteer fire department, who in the line of emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter responds to emergency calls that result in loss of time from his/her employment.

The second bill, HB215, would protect a firefighter or member of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer emergency medical service from having his/her personal insurance rates increased as a

result of an accident while driving a fire apparatus in the performance of duty.

The third bill, HB313, would provide tuition assistance for undergraduate study at any state institution of higher learning for the dependents of volunteer firefighters who are killed or become totally disabled in the line of duty.

If we are to be successful in passing these pieces of legislation, it will take the combined efforts of our membership. Please let your local Representative and Senator know how important these bills are to you and the fire service.

Also of interest to the volunteer firefighter is HB364, which would increase the amount of benefits from \$50,000 to \$75,000 in the event that a peace officer, fireman, or volunteer fireman is killed or becomes disabled in the line of duty.

Lawley VFD Achieves Class 6 Rating

The Lawley Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating its 31st year of serving the Lawley and surrounding communities. Like most volunteer fire departments, it started from very humble beginnings. The first building was a building on loan, and an old truck loaned by the forestry department. The men and women of the community had a real desire to improve and expand to a community/fire house building, and sufficient equipment to protect the community in case of a fire emergency. With a tremendous amount of hard work the Lawley Fire Dept. today has two fire

stations, community center, 2 - Class A pumpers, 2 - 3,000 gallon tankers, 2 - 1,000 gallon tankers, and a service truck, all fully equipped. The department has an active membership of 28 firefighters. This March 1st, 2003, the I.S.O. rating will be a CLASS 6 for the whole coverage area, thanks to all the hard working men and women through the previous leadership, and the current chief, Bill Green, and assistant chiefs, Walt Holland and Herman Austin, of the Lawley Volunteer Fire Department.





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Well, it's been almost a year since any competition has been run. And it's time to let everyone know what events will be run in Fort Payne.

This year everyone is in for a change. We are going back in time and pulling out one of the old events. Matter of fact, it's one of the oldest events we have! Well, if you haven't guessed, it will be the Bucket Brigade. We will also run one of the newest events we have, the Hose Lay II. The third event will be the dreaded Obstacle Course. The Hose Lay II and the

Obstacle Course will be run on grass, with the Bucket Brigade being run on a hard surface.

The rules for the events may be obtained from the AAVFD office by calling 334-262-2833 or 888-972-2833. The rules that were given out last year for the Hose Lay II event HAVE BEEN CHANGED. BE sure to request a new set.

So, it's time to start practicing! I'm looking forward to seeing all the old teams and hope to see a lot of new teams this year. Best of luck to all!



Alabama AED Program

Most of you are aware of the Automated External Defibrillator program started by Senator Tom Butler in Madison County in 1999. The first units in this pilot program were presented to departments across North Alabama on January 19, 2000. From this very small beginning, we placed 73 AED's at a cost of over \$212,000.00, by the end of March 2000.

From the very beginning of this project, it required a major effort on the part of many people, organizations and state agencies. This Association, Regional EMS,

Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Fire College, but most of all Senator Tom Butler. Senator Butler managed to find funding over the next three years to purchase these units as departments became certified. From the beginning of this program in 2000, the pilot program has grown to over 650 departments from Jackson to Mobile Counties. Departments who previously received AED's through other programs make a total of 720 departments that now have these units at a cost of more than \$2 mil-

lion dollars. Our goal was to complete this project in two years, however, with 1,000 departments across our state, we are less than 75% fulfilling this goal. Many departments that failed to become part of this program in the first round are now being trained to qualify for these units. If your department has an interest in becoming part of this program, contact your regional EMS or call me direct at 256-766-4707 or e-mail Jden42@aol.com. Remember, our family members and we as firefighters die from HEART ATTACKS TOO.



Don's Perspective

*by Don Shield
Alabama Firefighter*

Thought this issue I would just cover informational type items. Over the years I've heard the same old problem of communications or dissemination of information. We see it in our fire departments, county associations and yes in your state association (AAVFD). The AAVFD has made many attempts over recent years to correct these problems through the Newsletter (VOLUNTEER), AAVFD Egroups, AAVFD Web site and through quarterly board meetings with the county elected Directors and Alternate Directors. But still you can talk to the rank and file firefighter/EMT in the departments and most have little or no idea what is going on throughout the Alabama fire service.

A year after the statewide AAVFD grant sponsored AED volunteer fire department

program was initiated there were people in volunteer fire departments that had no idea what had to be done to acquire an AED for their department.

After writing newsletter articles and addressing questions on the AAVFD Egroups about the emergency vehicle driving laws in Alabama, the same questions keep coming up. This leads one to believe that these types of questions have not been answered in the departments Standard Operating Procedure or Guides. Here are some of the questions: Can I run red lights on my POV? How fast can I respond in my POV to an emergency? What is the maximum speed limit in an emergency vehicle? Does an emergency vehicle have to stop at a red light or stop sign? These answers need to be in the departments SOP/SOGs

and the answers need to be what is found in the Code of Alabama, Title 32.

What does my department do if we have a death in the line of duty?

I could go on and on, with these questions that keep surfacing from different individuals either through personal contacts, emails, or the egroups. What's mind boggling is why the answers to some these questions are not in the departments operating procedures, so that the membership can read and refresh their memories periodically.

We all need to take a hard look at communications techniques from the state/county associations, departments down to the firefighter/EMS volunteer. These people are the future leaders of the Alabama Volunteer Fire Service.

2003 STATE CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The DeKalb County Fire Association would like to invite everyone to attend the 2003 AAVFD conference on June 27th and 28th.

Located in the northeast part of the state, the county seat is Fort Payne, also known as "The Sock Capitol of the World" and home to the country music group "Alabama" and our fire association is preparing to make this years conference, one of a kind.

We hope you will take advantage of the many resources and attractions throughout our county, including Little River Canyon National Preserve, Historic Sequoyah Caverns, Buck's Pocket and Desoto State Parks. If you can find time for fishing, DeKalb County Lake is one of the finest man-made lakes in the state.

We have over ten hotels and motels and many "bed & breakfast" facilities. We also have six

different facilities with accommodations for camping and Rv's, three museums including the Alabama Fan Club and museum, the Fort Payne Depot and The Hosiery museums.

DeKalb County is accessible via Interstate 59, Alabama Highways, 11, 35, 75, 117 and the scenic Lookout Mountain Parkway. We are approximately, 1 1/2 hours north of Birmingham and 1 1/2 hours east of Huntsville via I-565 to Alabama Highway 72 east to Alabama Highway 35.

The tentative schedule for the weekend will include a cookout Friday night and the final Board of Directors meeting of the year at the DeKalb County VFW fairgrounds. Saturday will begin early with the competition and vendor show so that everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy both, and both held at the VFW fairgrounds. Shortly after lunch the annual meeting

and the first board of directors meeting will be held at the historic DeKalb Theatre. Saturday evening, the banquet will take place at Wills Valley Recreational Center.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated tourism association that has done an outstanding job of promoting our county through their efforts and their website. If you would like to see the different accommodations, attractions and events that DeKalb County has to offer, visit www.tour-dekalb.com. We hope everyone will be able to take a few days before or after the conference to see our county and get just a taste of what we call home.

Accommodations will be available at four different hotels in Ft. Payne, the DeSoto State Park Lodge. We encourage everyone to make your reservations as soon as possible.

Reservations can be made beginning January 2, 2003. Be sure to state that you are attending the AAVFD Conference. Pre-registration is \$20.00 per person and registration will be \$25.00 per person at the conference. Please complete the pre-registration form below.

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(These cabins and chalets will be held available until June 12th)
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ID/Conf. #: Our block ID is "CGFIRE".
Our confirmation # is "74338"

DeSoto State Park Campground

Located: 261 County Road 951
Phone: 256-845-5380
Avail/Price: No campsites have been blocked.
58 campsites w/water, electricity, grill, tables, fire ring @ \$15.00 plus tax, per night.
20 campsites w/sewer, water, electric, grill, tables, fire ring @ \$17.30 plus tax, per night.
Amenities: Hiking trails, olympic size swimming pool
ID/Conf. #: None. All campsites will be first-come, first-served.

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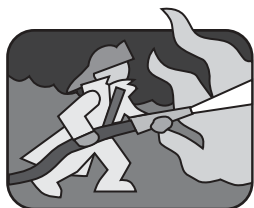
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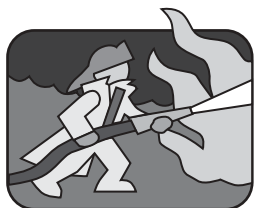
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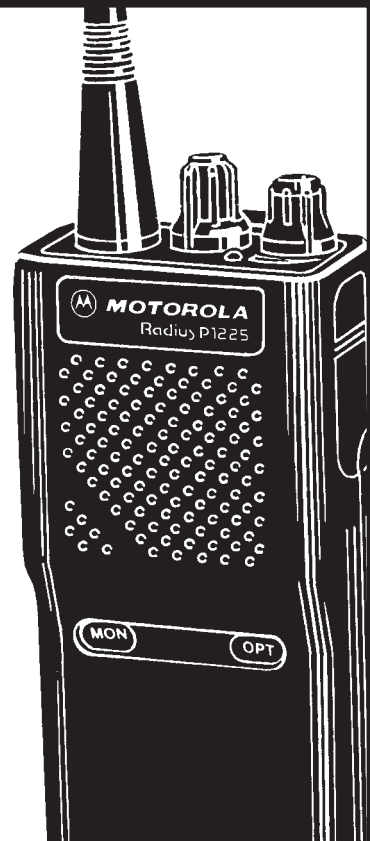
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Mobile Command Post

Douglas A. Smith
Fire Operations Officer
Alabama Forestry Commission

The AFC has operated a mobile command post for over twenty years. The second of two trailers is now being prepared for deployment. It is a van trailer permanently attached to a Ford 800 cab. Lettering on the trailer identifies its ownership, purpose and administrative arrangement.

The unit was secured from the US Air Force through the Department of Agriculture / US Forest Service, Federal Excess Property Program. The 8X34 foot trailer was originally designed for use by a medical unit. It contains three rooms plus a bath and small storage closet. The middle room also contains a sink, refrigerator and microwave. The outside includes a permanent ladder to access the roof, lights on the corners, steps that can be stored, communications antennas and an awning for rain and sun protection. Heating and air conditioning make a comfortable work area.

Remodeling includes space for three basic emergency needs. One room is for communications, another for the Incident Commander and the third one is for Plans & Operations. The communications room now has additional shelving for radios and chargers as well as additional electrical outlets and antenna connections.

The largest room is in the center and is modified to accommodate personnel who plan and carry out

the mission. They have access to shelving for their "paper work", a copy machine, additional electrical outlets for computers etc., and best of all, the kitchen. Shelving in the small closet serves to store office supplies and maps.

The other room is designated for the Incident Commander. This person is in charge of the incident. Little modification was required for this room because it already had office space and sufficient electrical outlets.

A surplus generator was already available and is now earmarked for the command post. The 20 kw unit is large enough to run the trailer plus auxiliary lights and equipment. Of course the command post can be plugged directly into an ac outlet if it is available. Twelve-volt, dc lights, supplement the ac lights and can be run anytime from the storage batteries. Propane gas bottles provide another source of energy in emergency situations.

The old flooring was replaced with new tile and some paneling was replaced. One external door was replaced along with a window. Communications and office operations are supported by new wiring and electrical outlets. Specialty wiring supports communications. A tear in the awning was repaired so that it now works well. The work on the trailer was done by the Department of Corrections, Al

Army National Guard, as well as the AFC Communications and Fire Section.

Cafeteria style tables with folding chairs travel with the command post. When stationed they are used internally but also form a work area outside under the awning. This gathering area may have more value than the inside of the trailer.

The self-contained unit may be used for a variety of activities. It is expected they will include at least the following previous deployments of the first command post: Campaign fires, search & rescue efforts, tornado/hurricane relief, ice/snow damage, training and fire prevention.

The original trailer was a 1981 Nomad. It was 20 feet long and 8 ft wide and required a towing vehicle. It had propane, ac and dc capabilities. Heating and air conditioning as well as a kitchen area with appliances added to its value. It had two work areas, one for communications and one for operations. A small bath area supported sleeping facilities. Charles Pigg, retired Assistant State Forester, retains credit for implementing the initial program.

The newer command post will be stored in Montgomery and controlled by the AFC State Office. The Nomad will probably be assigned to a Regional office.



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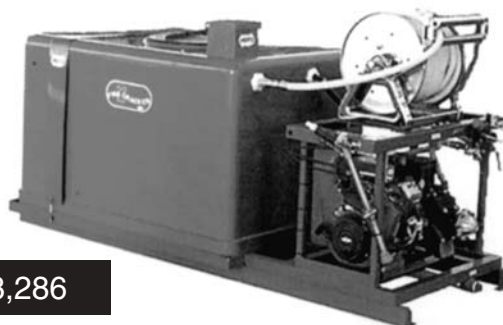
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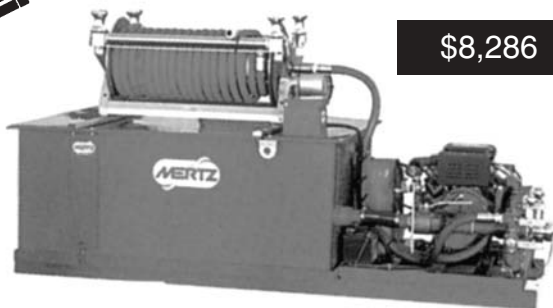
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Designating Authorized Emergency Vehicles

The current course of the Alabama Department of Public Safety is to deny any request to have a privately owned vehicle designated as an authorized emergency vehicle. The vast majority of such requests do come from volunteer firefighters.

The Alabama Legislature has empowered the Director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety or any police chief of an incorporated city, with the sole authority to designate privately owned vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles [See §32-1-1.1 (3). Code of Alabama 1975.] Unfortunately the Legislature provided no legal standards or requirements to be used as guidelines for such designations, nor financial resources to establish a suitable designation process.

There are a number of statutes in Title 32 which regulate the operation of emergency vehicles. These include the duties of emergency vehicle drivers, specific emergency equipment required to be installed on the vehicle, and the proper operation of such equipment. All of these statutes refer to the operation of authorized emergency vehicles. For any privately owned vehicle to legally operate under the umbrella of the emergency vehicle statutes, it must be designated an authorized emergency vehicle by either the Director or a police chief. Most volunteer fire departments operate in unincorporated rural areas leaving the Director as the designating authority for them, since the Attorney General has stated a designation by a chief of police is valid only within his/her police jurisdiction.

The primary concern in this area must remain the safety and well-being of the motoring public and the general public as well. The operation of emergency vehicles is inherently dangerous, and from both a national perspective and from within Alabama, the operation of emergency vehicles has become an issue of serious public concern, with a substantial increase in litigation alleging negligent operation of emergency vehicles. Many law enforcement agencies have been forced to adopt strict policies governing the use of emergency vehicles, especially during high-speed chases and when responding to acci-

dents or crime scenes. In addition, under present Alabama case law, grossly negligent operation of an emergency vehicle can result in criminal liability and a resulting criminal conviction. See *Poole v. State*, 497 So 2d 530 (Ala. Crim. App. 1985.)

The decision to designate privately owned vehicles as authorized emergency vehicles raises substantial questions regarding the nature and extent of the operator's training and knowledge of applicable laws, the overall mechanical condition of the vehicle, and the financial resources



of the owner to compensate injured parties in the event of negligent operation of the emergency vehicle. The fact that Alabama law now requires mandatory automobile liability insurance does not substantially change our concerns regarding insurance. Even if an individual has sufficient liability coverage for their vehicle, this protection is generally provided only for private use. Many insurance companies I have discussed this issue with indicate they would not insure a vehicle which had been designated an authorized emergency vehicle. If they were able to provide coverage for an emergency vehicle, the premiums would be exorbitant.

It would not be in the public's best interest for the Director of Public Safety or a police chief to authorize a privately owned vehicle to engage in emergency operations, without assurance the owner/driver has sufficient financial resources to compensate an injured party resulting from the emergency vehicle operator's negligence. This would almost certainly expose the designating official to a potential claim of civil liability based upon the theory of negligent supervision or licensing.

George Burke, a spokesman for the 240,000 member International Association of Fire Fighters, says volunteers should not have flashing lights on their personal vehicles. "We are absolutely opposed to any firefighter, volunteer or not, using personal vehicles to get to fires." Many volunteer fire chiefs within Alabama I have spoken with voice the same sentiments.

The current legal situation, the potentiality of liability, particularly upon the Director, and the fact that to implement a uniform state-wide authorization policy would require substantial resources the Alabama Department of Public Safety does not currently possess, prohibits the designation of any privately owned vehicle as an authorized emergency vehicle. Our new director, Colonel W. M. Coppage, will continue to designate those vehicles owned and operated by volunteer fire departments and used solely for the purpose of fighting fires.

Another common question concerns the possibility of drivers being cited for operating privately owned vehicles, as emergency vehicles, without the proper designation. I would expect troopers and other law enforcement personnel to take the appropriate enforcement action needed, depending on circumstances, when private vehicles are operated in such a manner. If the vehicle has not been officially designated an authorized emergency vehicle, the driver may not operate the vehicle as such, under the provisions of Title 32, Code of Alabama, 1975. This includes the use of such devices as "wig-wag" headlamps, green strobe lights, etc. which have not been approved by the Director (See §32-5-252).

The only possibility I foresee in the near future for having privately owned vehicles designated as authorized emergency vehicles to operate outside police jurisdictions, would be for the Alabama Legislature to change the designating authority. However, it may be difficult to find an individual or agency with the desire and/or resources to undertake such a task and responsibility.

*Major Cary B. Sutton
Chief, Service Division*

NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Assistant Chief Roger McMillin, Volunteer
 Department: Martin VFD, Martin SD
 Date of Death: 9/10/02
 Cause of Death: Overcome by toxic hydrogen sulfide fumes while trying to rescue a worker at a feed mill who had fallen face down into a soybean molasses vat. He and the worker he was attempting to save were pronounced dead.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael Kruse, Career
 Department: Muscatine FD, Muscatine IA
 Date of Death: 9/14/02
 Cause of Death: Died on the scene of a structure fire when he became trapped when the roof collapsed.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Cassandra Billings Powell, Career
 Department: McLeansville FD, McLeansville NC
 Date of Death: 9/23/02
 Cause of Death: Killed enroute between stations when vehicle she was driving ran off the road and overturned.

Name/Rank: Captain Ralph Stott, Career
 Department: Terre Haute FD, Terre Haute IN
 Date of Death: 9/30/02
 Cause of Death: Killed in an explosion that caused a facade to collapse forward on several firefighters who were fighting fire at a garage auto body shop.

Name/Rank: Assistant Engineer George F. Batelli, Volunteer
 Department: Garfield Fire Company # 1, Garfield NJ
 Date of Death: 10/1/02
 Cause of Death: Died from apparent heart attack while enroute to a structure fire.

Name/Rank: Captain Kenneth Wayne Taylor, Career
 Department: Madisonville FD, Madisonville KY
 Date of Death: 10/9/02
 Cause of Death: Died from heart attack suffered two days earlier while working apartment building fire.

Name/Rank: District Fire Chief Gerald W. Nadeau, Career
 Department: Fall River FD, Fall River, MA
 Date of Death: 10/24/02
 Cause of Death: Died of acute respiratory distress syndrome after he suffered inhalation of toxic, noxious gases & fumes while working major structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Rupert Allen "Junior" Fuller, Volunteer
 Department: Darlington-Gaskin FD, Westville FL
 Date of Death: 10/20/02
 Cause of Death: Died of aneurysm suffered while working an emergency medical call.

Name/Rank: Lt. Timothy DiOrio, Volunteer
 Department: Maine Fire Company of Coal Township FD, Coal Township, PA
 Date of Death: 11/1/02
 Cause of Death: Died when trapped under debris from collapsed wall at residential structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Edmund E. Malinski, Volunteer
 Department: Northern Wayne Fire Company, Lakewood PA
 Date of Death: 11/4/02
 Cause of Death: Died of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning due to smoke inhalation while conducting interior operations at structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert Glenn Poore, Volunteer
 Department: Briceville VFD, Briceville TN
 Date of Death: 11/10/02
 Cause of Death: Died from apparent heart attack while performing removal of debris and clean up after tornado.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Patrick L. Brooks, Career
 Department: West Hartford FD, West Hartford CT
 Date of Death: 11/12/02
 Cause of Death: Became ill and died suddenly while on duty. Cause of death to be determined.

Name/Rank: Chief Bruce Fletcher, Volunteer
 Department: Ashford VFD, Ashford CT
 Date of Death: 11/18/02
 Cause of Death: Died from apparent heart attack shortly after returning to station from ambulance call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Engineer Robert Charles "Chuck" Hanners, Volunteer
 Firefighter/Engineer Jeffery E. Common, Volunteer
 Lt. Randall E. Carpenter, Career
 Department: Coos Bay FD, Coos Bay OR
 Date of Death: 11/25/02
 Cause of Death: Died as result of explosion and roof collapse while working auto body shop fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Kerry G. Neis, Career
 Department: Fort Rucker DPS-Fire & Emergency Services, Fort Rucker AL
 Date of Death: 12/4/02
 Cause of Death: Struck and killed by fire apparatus during training incident relating to extinguishing aircraft type fires.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Dennis Harris, Volunteer
 Department: Mt. Vernon VFD, Tellico Plains TN
 Date of Death: 12/5/02
 Cause of Death: Died of cardiac arrest while operating pumper at house fire.

Name/Rank: Captain Michael Lee DePaus, Career
 Department: Dallas Fire-Rescue Dept, Dallas TX
 Date of Death: 12/5/02
 Cause of Death: Died of possible heart attack. Official cause pending ruling of Medical Examiner.

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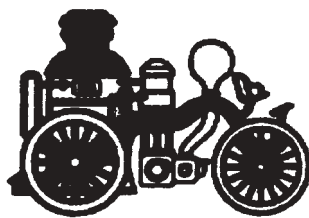
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THE BELL TOLLED

Herb Tucker, Marion VFD, Perry County, was killed in an automobile accident on March 2, 2003

Former Chief, Robert Holder, Toney VFD, Madison County, passed away March 15, 2003

Jessie Randall Williams, Goodway VFD, Monroe County, dies in an industrial accident March 10, 2003

Let us pause a moment to pay our respect to these firefighters for whom the bell tolled that one last time as we offer our prayers and condolences to their families and friends.

NOTE: Firefighter Herb Tucker leaves his wife and small child. If anyone wishes to donate to this family, send the donation to Emily Tucker, 101 Troup Steet, Marion, AL 36756.

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 Dennis- (256) 766-4707 or Joey Boyd (256) 233-1597; or Clayton Cobb, Sr. (251) 578-2855; or Danny Orr (334) 992-3417.

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