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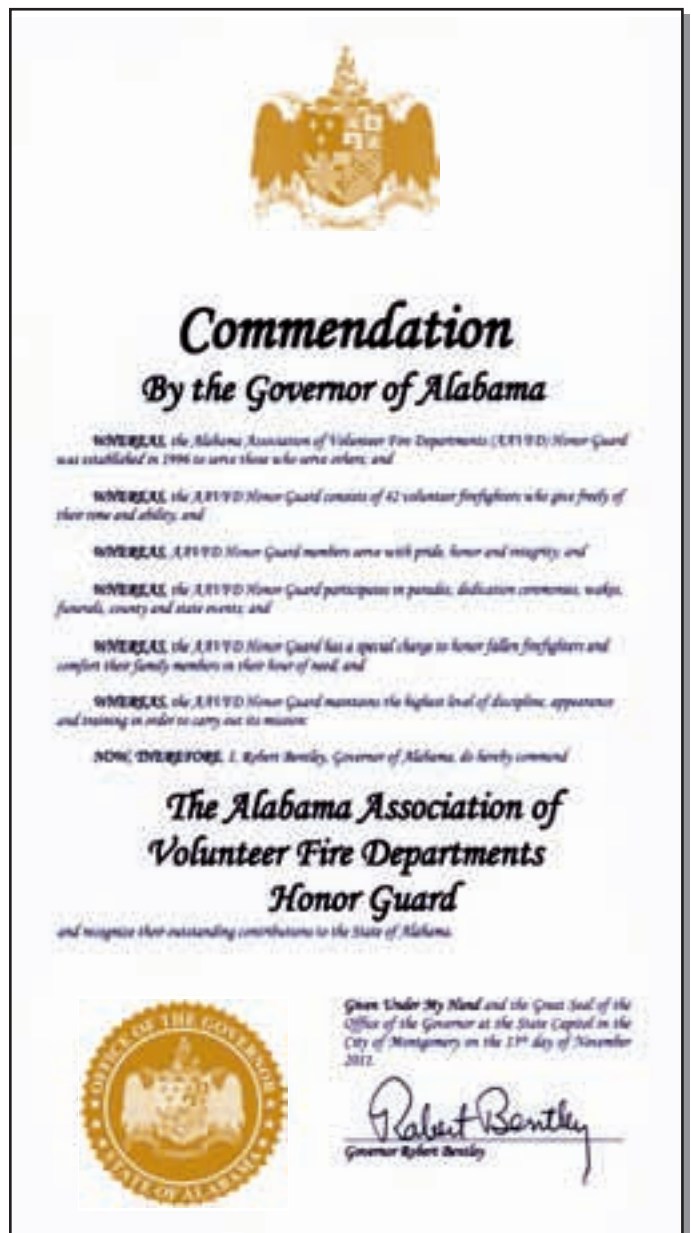
## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



### Governor Bentley Commends AAVFD Honor Guard

Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments Honor Guard members Sgt. Mary Sells, Capt. Robert Cunningham, Chaplin Capt. Jerry Jackson, Jason Steele, Sue Starr, Lt. Willie Weiss, and Lamar Smith look on as Governor Robert Bentley signs a Commendation recognizing their contributions to the State of Alabama.

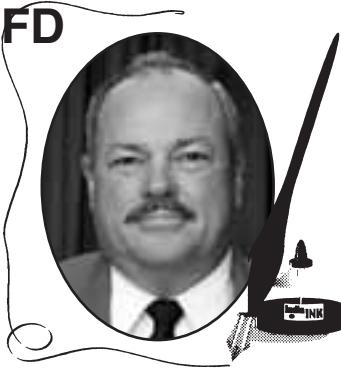
AAVFD Honor Guard operates six companies statewide to meet the needs of the volunteer fire service. Also serving are Commander Daniel Day, Capt. Hugh Harris, Alan Rutledge, Eric Sullivan, Glenn Adkins, Lt. James Chancey, Brandon Green, Tyler Mathis, Joshua Moore, Wayne Bolt, Sgt. Regina Caffey, Cameron Emerick, Ken Grindle, Alan Reeser, Raymond Silas, Andrew Talley, Amanda Billings, Chais Billings, Daniel Bullock, Chas Cline, Lt. Reggie Sprinkle, Tim Williams, Randy Brown, Johnny Dennis, Debbie Diviney, Chris Lampley, Dustin Lovelady, Tommy MacPherson, Jason Martin, Jeff Nicholson, Penny Neilson, D. H. Oden, Billy Shaddix, James Simmons, and Sgt. Darren Sloas.



## FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

*Shay Wood*



***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.” Philippians 4:6***

The comfort and power of God's word is certainly a good way to start each new day! To me, the first five minutes of the day are the most important minutes of the day because during that time, “You condition your mind and set your course for the day.” On a personal note, Tina and I try to follow a challenge of giving thanks in all circumstances. But, despite our blessings, it's sometimes hard to be thankful when confronted with death, disease, droughts, and disasters. Only, it is during times of trouble that our faith is always strengthened.

Now, as we look back on Christmases past, it is not the gifts we remember most, but rather the time we spent loving our families, serving our neighbors and laughing with friends. In all these situations, the lasting gifts come from relationships. This is the time of year when we are reminded that love, joy and peace don't come from a store. Instead, they are found in sharing our lives with others.

My prayer this Holiday Season is each of you will have the opportunity not only to celebrate Heaven's gift, but

also, to share the gift of your time with loved ones!

Every community across Alabama relies on firefighters to respond to a variety of emergency situations - structure fires, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, and Wildland/urban Interface fires. On the national scene, the leadership of the United States Fire Service is working diligently to insure that vital funding for First Responder remains a national priority.

“Desperate times call for desperate measures” as the U. S. Congress is trying to identify spending cuts in the Federal budget. The Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) is focusing on recruitment, retention, Homeland Security, health and safety. Times are, simply put, desperate.

CFSI, along with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), recently discussed strategic planning at length. There are ten priorities, which are:

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
2. Public Safety Officer's Benefit Reform\*
3. Nationwide Broadband Communications Network (H.R. 607/S.911)
4. Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act (H.R. 376)
5. Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act (S. 933/H.R. 2353)
6. Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Job Protection Act
7. U.S. Fire Administration
8. Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act (H.R. 1792/S. 1035)
9. Supporting Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act (S. 932/H.R. 2488)
10. Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act

\*The Public Safety Officers Benefits Act (PSOB) is having scope of coverage attitude changes. Instead of looking

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## AAVFD Meets with Governor Bentley



One of the most beneficial and commendable callings in our communities today are the men and women of the volunteer fire service. We are privileged to have 1,009 Volunteer Fire Departments manned by 30,000 plus volunteer fire fighters covering the state, both urban and rural.

The Volunteer Fire Fighter stands as one of Alabama's greatest resources in one of the most dangerous, challenging, and stressful endeavors of any vocation. The best indicator of the effectiveness of Volunteer Fire Departments is measured by the loss of life, pain and suffering, and proper-

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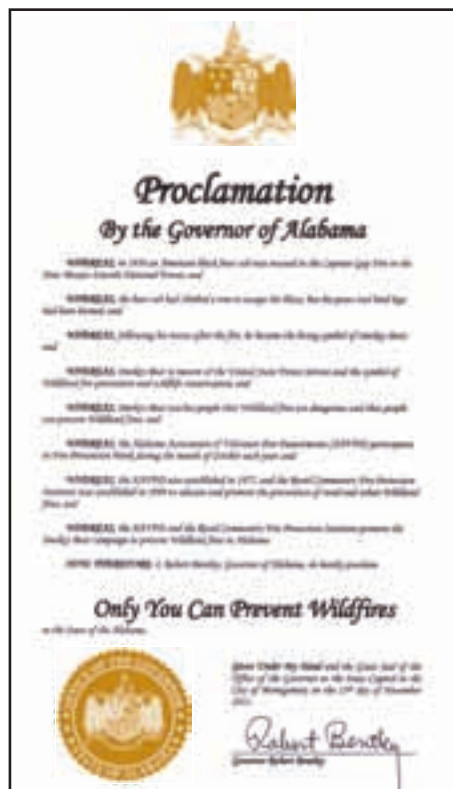
Governor Robert Bentley proclaimed October 9-15 as Fire Prevention Week in Alabama. This year's theme - "It's Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire!" Work to motivate your community to take an active role in preventing home fires and protecting their families with life-

saving tools and planning.

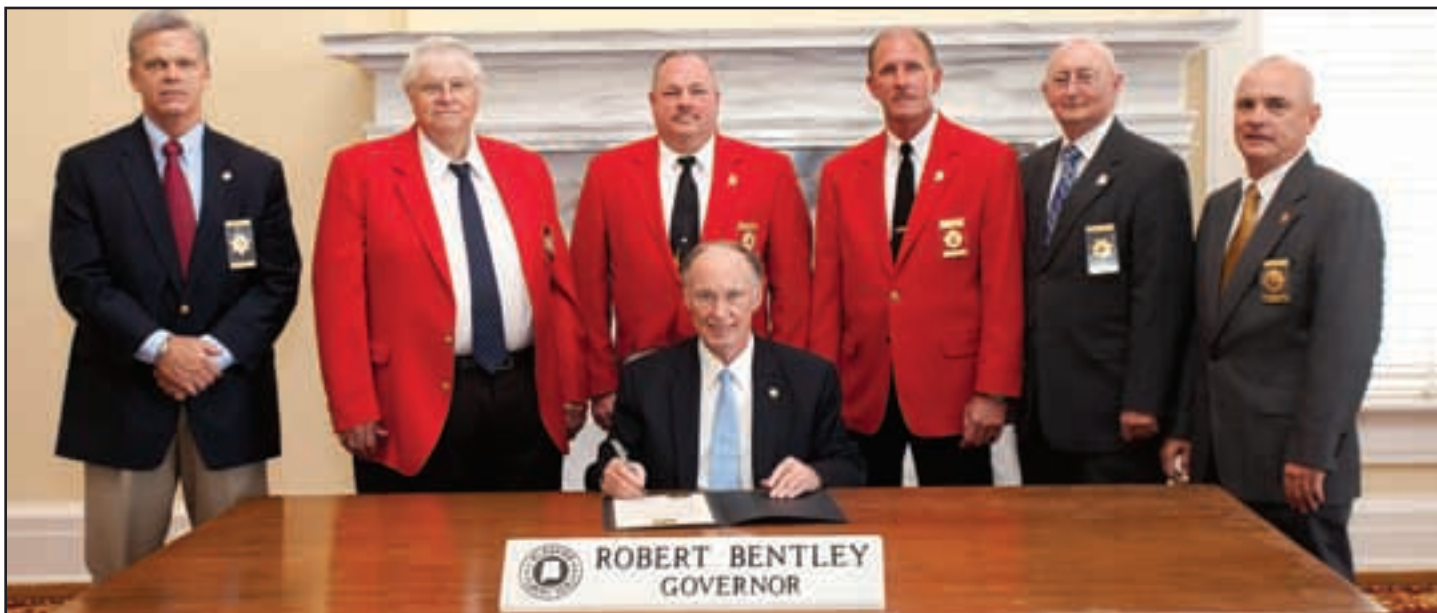
Governor Bentley also recognized the national campaign for Wildland Fire Prevention by proclaiming with Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wild Fires!"



*L-R: RCFPI President Roy Mott, AAVFD Executive Assistant Sandra Mott, Governor Bentley, Smokey Bear (Pike Road Fire Fighter Justin Memory) and AAVFD President Chauncey Wood.*



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION



*L-R: Scott Pilgreen - Deputy Fire Marshal, RCFPI President - Roy Mott, AAVFD President - Chauncey Wood, Governor Bentley, Chief Mike Green - District 10 Alternate Director, State Fire Marshal - Ed Paulk, Steve Holmes - PIO, State Fire Marshal's Office*

# ALABAMA FALLEN FIRE FIGHTER MEMORIAL CEREMONY HELD OCTOBER 1, 2011

The Alabama Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Weekend was held at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa AL on October 1st. This ceremony brings together members of the fire service and the family and friends of the fallen in the line of duty. No fatalities were recorded for the year 2010. The name of Chelsea Lynn Garvin who died in 2005, member of Fish River Marlow VFD in Baldwin County, was added to the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. While participating with the department during the annual Fish River Boat Flotilla Christmas Parade, Miss Garvin died when the Jet Ski on which she was a passenger collided with a large boat.

Seventy-two fire fighters who died in the line of duty in 2010 were honoured during the National Fallen Fire fighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, MD, on October 15-16. Seventeen fire fighters who died in previous years were also honoured. These first responders made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities, and we shall be forever indebted to them for their service.



*Family of Chelsea Lynn Garvin flanked by Executive Director Allan Rice (left) and AAVFD President Chauncey Wood (right)*

## REPRESENTATIVE JOHN H. MERRILL RECOGNIZED BY AAVFD



*Representative John Merrill was presented the AAVFD Fire Fighter Axe Plaque for his assistance with passage of 2011 AAVFD legislation. L-R: Treasurer Charles Jackson, Third Vice President Derrick Gatlin, Representative John Merrill, District 3 Director Billy Doss, District 7 Alternate Director Joey Moffett, and President Chauncey Wood*

## CONGRESS APPROVES YEAR-END SPENDING BILL

On Saturday, December 17, the Senate approved H.R. 2055, a \$915 billion spending package for Fiscal Year 2012. The bill, which includes funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), was approved by the House on December 16th.

The spending measure makes significant cuts to DHS, funding the department at \$39.4 billion, a decrease of \$2 billion from FY11 and \$8.6 billion less than was requested by the Obama Administration. The Assistance to Firefighters (FIRE) Grant Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program are funded at \$337.5 million each, down from \$405 million each in FY11.

FIRE and SAFER were not the only grant programs to be significantly cut in the bill. H.R. 2055 creates a funding pool of \$1.35 billion for a dozen grant programs, including the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHGP). These programs will be funded at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

The United States Fire Administration is funded at \$44.038 million, down \$1.5 million from FY11.

The bill now goes to President Obama for his signature.



## PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT PINK WITH A PURPOSE

The Pike Road Fire Department held its first ever breast cancer awareness seminar on October 4, 2011 to commemorate breast cancer awareness month. To kick off the event, a dinner was held at the Station 1 on Wallahatchie Road followed by a presentation from Mrs. Kristi Springer, Clinical Services Director at the Montgomery Cancer Center. Mrs. Springer spoke to a room filled with Pike Road Fire Department first responders/firefighters and ladies auxiliary members. Each fire fighter was presented a pink Pike Road Fire Department t-shirt. Pike Road Fire Department personnel will wear pink throughout the month of October to memorialize breast cancer awareness.

Mrs. Springer said breast cancer awareness is much more than just working for a cure for breast cancer. It's also a time to celebrate the courage and determination of breast cancer survivors. Breast cancer touches all of us - women, and, yes, men too. Breast cancer is on the rise for younger women. People do not need a family history of cancer to be at risk. Mrs. Springer said the key to curing breast cancer is to catch it early. In recent years, there has been an explosion of life savings treatment advances against breast cancer. Individuals have treatment choices today. The decisions include surgery, radiation, hormonal therapy and/or

chemotherapy. Mrs. Springer recommends you plan your individual treatment with your Oncologist.

The pink fire department shirts are available for sale for \$12.00 with proceeds going to the Wellness Foundation at the Montgomery Cancer Center. Citizens are encouraged to help support our Standing Strong campaign on the awareness and fight against breast cancer. The pink shirts may be purchased at Fire Station 1 -3427 Wallahatchie Road or during the Fall Festival at Woodland United Methodist Church on October 23 from 5-7pm. Woodland is located at 4428 Wallahatchie Road - Pike Road, Alabama.



## PIKE ROAD FIRE & RESCUE LADIES AUXILIARY WIN THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

During the month of October, citizens in Pike Road could see decorated hay bales throughout the Town. Numerous neighborhoods and other groups participated in the second-annual hay bale contest sponsored by The Pike Road Neighborhood Leaders program. It's a contest called "Hey, Look at Us." Fall themes were used to decorate the hay bales.

The Pike Road Fire & Rescue Ladies Auxiliary decorated their hay bale to look like a giant fire truck. To make their creation they added additional rectangle bales of hay and other decorations to attach to their red spray painted round bale. The theme was 'Fired up for Fall in Pike Road.'

The judging was held on October 27, 2011. Prizes were awarded to the top three hay bales: \$150.00 for first place, \$100.00 for second place and \$75.00 for third place. First place was Merry Station, second place went to Kerington and Oak Ridge Sub-Division took third place with their decoration. Honorable mentions were Farmington Sub-Division and the Pike Road Post Office. The People's Choice Award was added to the competition. Citizens could visit the Town Hall Face book page and "like" the hay bale to cast a vote. Over 800 votes were received during the competition. The Pike Road Fire Department Ladies

Auxiliary was declared the winner on November 4, 2011.

Amanda Moore said "the Ladies Auxiliary had a lot of fun creating the display and it's a great Southern tradition and a fall attraction to our area." Ladies Auxiliary members all agreed the contest brought out some friendly competition among neighborhoods and citizens.

All decorated hay bales were out for viewing until mid November.



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## TRAINING TOMORROW'S HEROES

### ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALLAN RICE

Exciting things continue to happen for fire service training in Alabama. Thanks to the leadership and vision of the Personnel Standards Commission, we will take delivery of our second Mobile Fire Trainer this month and it should be in service by the end of January. The first unit, purchased two years ago, has proven so popular that we clearly needed to expand our fleet in order to have two trailers on the road delivering quality live fire training across Alabama. To sign up to have one of the MFTs visit your area, contact your AFC Regional Coordinator. A map with your Coordinator's contact information can be found at this link: <http://www.alabamafirecollege.org/docs/RegionalMap.pdf>.

The Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission is very proud to join with the Rural Community Fire Protection Institute and the AAVFD to become a sponsor of the Annual Firefighter Appreciation Day. We had a great time in Monroeville this past summer (thanks to the Monroe County Association!) and we appreciate the chance to add our support to this event starting next year. We look forward to the 2012 event and the opportunity to help recognize the valuable work that is done day-in and day-out by Alabama's firefighters.

We are very excited to note that with your support, we were once again able to reach all 67 of Alabama's counties with training classes in 2011. As 2012 launches, we will press forward with the establishment of Regional Training Centers and Extension Centers, which will bring more training closer to you at home. We are also specifically targeting the development of new training experiences that will ben-



efit the volunteer fire service, and we will be working with AAVFD and a panel of volunteer fire chiefs and instructors to make sure we hit the mark. Alabama does more firefighter training than most states, and it is your willingness to provide professional service that makes this possible.

A major focus for the coming year will be passage of a piece of legislation that will protect the future of fire service training in Alabama. Sen. Gerald Allen and Rep. John Merrill have worked hard over the past several months to assemble a task force of fire service and other parties to determine how the Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission should operate in the future. AAVFD was represented on this task force by your President Chauncey Wood and District 3 Director Billy Doss. Their input was critical to the success of the task force, and the legislation that has been drafted will create a place on the Personnel Standards Commission for an AAVFD representative. This is a monumental step in our state fire service and they are to be commended for representing your interests. By passing this legislation into law, we will establish stability for our fire service training system and end the upheaval that has occurred every year for quite some time about the future of the Fire College. Most importantly, we will be able to focus on providing the training you need and not be distracted by political battles.

On behalf of the members of the Personnel Standards Commission and the staff of the Fire College, please have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

We at the State Fire Marshal's Office hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you a wonderful New Year! As we enter 2012 let's strive to have a positive impact on fire fatalities in our state. Discuss fire safety with your neighbors and around the community, make your friends aware that they are responsible for their safety and with a few tips from the fire service we can improve their skills that will make our communities more fire safe and enhance our ability to survive in the event of a fire.



As the Legislative session begins in February please contact your Senators and Representatives and express your support for the Fire Sprinkler Amendment that will allow qualified plumbers to install the multipurpose type fire sprinkler system in single family dwellings. Once approved, we can grow a workforce that can install these systems in our homes at a reasonable price and we will make a tremendous impact on our fire fatality problem in years to come.





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## LAWLEY VFD SECURES NEW TANKER THROUGH GRANT

The Lawley Volunteer Fire Department has taken delivery of a new 3,000 gallon tanker mounted on a 1998 Ford Chassis. The tanker has a 500 gallon pump, 3,000 gallon dump tank, 10" Newton swivel dump valve. It can unload from the rear or from either side of the tanker. This purchase was made possible by receiving a FEMA AFG grant in the amount of \$77,805. The grant was announced by a phone call from the office of Representative Spencer Bachus in January. This tanker replaced an old 1976 tanker that had outlived its purpose. The LVFD has an overall ISO rating of 6, made possible by passing a water shuttle test given by ISO. This new tanker will benefit the Lawley community in assuring the best fire protection possible. With the AFG grant program the department has been able to purchase up-to-date equipment and vehicles.



## VOLUNTEER FIREMAN OF THE YEAR AND TWO SPECIAL LADIES

On December 21, 2011 members and guests shared time together at the Houston County Volunteer Fire Association Annual Christmas Party.

The meal was the low country boil and several cakes. Several members got together to cook the cakes and the low country boil. Some of the people that make it happen are Martha and Nolan Harrell, Todd and Vicki Stevens and Shelby Womack.

The group also recognized the Houston County Volunteer Fireman of the year. This year the award went to Southern Junction Volunteer Fire Chief Nolan Harrell. Joining the 17 Volunteer Fire Chiefs across Houston County for the meal, State Representative Paul and Ellen Lee, County Commission Chairman Mark Culver and son Robert, Houston County Commissioner Doug Sinquefield and Jackie Battles, and retired Dothan/Houston County EMA Director Shelby Womack. Members of EMA Staff were present as was Doug Bell of Dothan Fire Department. Retired Hodgesville Volunteer Fire Chief Kenny Givens also attended.

In appreciation for the work the members of the fire and rescue volunteers in Houston and all surrounding counties do. They give of their time, energies, money and gas, in order to serve their community. Their number one goal and mission is to save lives and property. They will leave their homes in the night to fight a fire to save a home, then go to work and work their full time jobs everyday.

The group spends times training. They do not just jump on the truck and say I am a fireman. They attend meetings, training time, and work to be volunteer professionals.

But, also, behind this group are the families that serve with each other. Two ladies, one working for 47 years side by side with her husband is Deloris Posey, and the other since

1973 serving with her husband is Diane Nall.

These two ladies have helped fight fires, pull hoses, make sure firemen are safe, make sure they have water, hugged families of people whose homes were burning down and cried with families who have lost their loved ones.

As their husbands have rolled to scenes, so have the wives and children, and both Posey and Nall have son's who serve as volunteer fireman and work fulltime with Dothan Fire Department. But their service has been as a family, with the ladies in the background assisting, and they have been a rock for victims of emergencies.

## THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!



*Nolan Harrell accepts Houston County Firefighter of the Year Award.*



for ways for an in-line-of-duty death qualification for the grant, which is about \$360,000 PLUS education benefits for the family, there is a mentality of looking for 'loopholes' and reasons TO DISQUALIFY VOLUNTEERS! It appears that forces-to-be are influencing the attitude and stricter and narrower interpretations of coverage for Volunteers are being examined, followed, and used.

The State of Indiana is facing denial of coverage for certain in-line-of-duty deaths because of clauses in contracts for services. The clauses involve the Volunteer Fire Department being associated with a 'public entity' or as an independent organization.

Locally, OUR own AAVFD, along with the Joint Fire Council, is making preparation for the annual Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature. This year, the Session begins on Tuesday, February 7th. It must end no later than Monday, May 21st.

Our Fire Caucus Co-Chair Richard Laird has already pre-filed OUR State AAVFD and County Volunteer Fire Association's 'Tax Exempt Status' and 'Workman's Compensation' legislation, which I will address in greater length in a future article. In addition, AAVFD will ask that Section 9-3-18 be amended so that VFD's receive AFC

Transfer Title of loaned or donated equipment to said VFD, along with two other legislative bills of intent relating to a voluntary Check-off Program of Property and Fire Casualty to benefit our Alabama Firefighter Annuity and Benefit Fund, and a fire sprinkler system law.

These are but a few bills which OUR Association is introducing. A full slate of 2012 AAVFD legislation will be available in the January-March 2012 issue of 'THE VOLUNTEER'.

In closing, I want to say a Great Big Ole' THANK YOU to Sandra Mott, Editor and Corey Carr, M.I.S. for the professional job you do with OUR newsletter and also to OUR own AAVFD "Paparazzo's" Rick Miller and Tina Wood for the awesome Conference and Firefighter Appreciation Day photos taken this past year.

I would certainly be remiss in not saying a 'Special and Heartfelt' THANK YOU to all you Volunteers who pay the insurance dues to receive YOUR newsletter, 'THE VOLUNTEER' Keep the articles and photos coming - Remember, It's OUR publication"

Until next time, I remain at your service. "May God continue to 'Bless OUR Association and You'. Stay Alert, Stay Safe, and Stay Alive!

## 2011 AAVFD Membership – Total 940

### DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN	60%	6 of 10
CHEROKEE	100%	13 of 13
DEKALB	100%	25 of 25
ETOWAH	100%	23 of 23
JACKSON	100%	21 of 21
MADISON	100%	17 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

### DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON	37%	11 of 30
SHELBY	50%	9 of 18
ST CLAIR	80%	16 of 20
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

### DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE	31%	4 of 13
GREENE	100%	14 of 14
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR	100%	10 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	21 of 21

### DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	13 of 13
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

### DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON	81%	13 of 16
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
MARENGO	100%	12 of 12
PERRY	100%	11 of 11
WILCOX	100%	10 of 10

### DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR	100%	12 of 12
COFFEE	100%	9 of 9
DALE	100%	13 of 13
GENEVA	100%	10 of 10
HENRY	100%	6 of 6
HOUSTON	100%	17 of 17
PIKE	100%	9 of 9

### DISTRICT 7 MEMBERSHIP

BUTLER	100%	16 of 16
CONECUH	100%	21 of 21
COVINGTON	100%	20 of 20
CRENSHAW	100%	12 of 12
ESCAMBIA	100%	21 of 21
MONROE	100%	15 of 15

### DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN	74%	23 of 31
CHOCTAW	100%	14 of 14
CLARKE	100%	14 of 14
MOBILE	100%	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	100%	19 of 19

### DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

COLBERT	100%	14 of 14
FRANKLIN	100%	13 of 13
LAUDERDALE	100%	14 of 14
LAWRENCE	100%	11 of 11
LIMESTONE	100%	13 of 13
MARION	100%	12 of 12
MORGAN	100%	22 of 22

### DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

BULLOCK	100%	7 of 7
ELMORE	100%	20 of 20
LEE	100%	7 of 7
LOWNDES	25%	2 of 8
MACON	20%	2 of 10
MONTGOMERY	100%	8 of 8
RUSSELL	100%	11 of 11

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700 Gallon Poly Tank  
CAF System with 50 Gallon Cell



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Detroit Series 60 430 HP Diesel  
Allison HD4060P Automatic  
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**1996 Pierce Lance 75' Quint**  
Detroit 8V92TA 500 HP Diesel  
Allison HD4060P Automatic  
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Onan 6KW Diesel Generator



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200 Gallon Poly Tank  
Foam System



**1991 E-One Hurricane 95' Platform**  
Detroit 6V92TA 300 HP Diesel  
Allison MD3060 Automatic  
Hale QSMG 1250 GPM Pump  
300 Gallon Poly Tank



**1986 Pierce Lance 100' Quint**  
Detroit 8V92 Diesel Engine  
Allison Automatic  
Waterous 1250 GPM 2-Stage Pump  
Onan 12KW Diesel Generator



**2000 EVI / International Heavy Rescue**  
International 300 HP Diesel  
Allison MD3060 Automatic  
Onan PTO-Driven Generator  
Light Tower



**1996 Freightliner / SVI Heavy Rescue**  
Diesel Engine  
Automatic Transmission  
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**1994 Freightliner Heavy Rescue**  
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Darley Foam System, CAF System  
Scan Chief Light Tower



**2000 Ford F550 Mini Pumper**  
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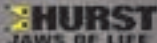
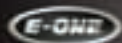


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## WICKSBURG SANTA

The Wicksburg Fire & Rescue Department volunteers made so many community children happy this year!

This year the Fire Department did a fundraiser with Santa Claus!! For weeks they have been accepting donations of \$30 and more and escorting Santa Claus on their big red fire truck!

Santa and his elves rode to each child's house to deliver their presents and say merry Christmas! They were booked for weeks and spent countless hours watching Christmas dreams come true with their efforts! As late as 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve the volunteer team was still busy making their rounds...

We would like to thank them for the hours they sacrificed

and spent away from their own families to spread Christmas cheer and bring smiles to so many children!

We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of individuals in the Wicksburg community who represent the true meaning of Christmas! We would like to thank the Wicksburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue from the bottom of our hearts...this was a Christmas those children will never forget because you gave your time!

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## AAVFD MEETS WITH GOVERNOR BENTLEY

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ty damage they have prevented or reduced. The personal rewards and satisfaction received from the fire service are often beyond description.

AAVFD represents the Volunteer Fire Service in Montgomery. AAVFD members (L-R) District 7 Alternate Director Joey Moffitt, Photographer Rick Miller, First Vice President William Neal, District 9 Director Jimmy Looney, District 3 Director Billy Doss, President Chauncey Wood, Second Vice President Derrick Gatlin, Executive Assistant Sandra Mott, Life Member Charlie Dixon, Third Vice President Dan Hopkins and Life Member Roy Mott recently visited with Governor Robert Bentley. All of these AAVFD members, and the other members of the Board of Directors, are representing you by speaking for the Volunteer Fire Service in Montgomery; thereby, increasing awareness of the necessity of state-of-the-art equipment, recruitment and retention, and training.



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# From Here and There

*News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama*

Kinsey VFD, Houston County, sponsored a 5K run/walk as a fundraiser for Phillip E. Douglas on November 19th.

Several volunteer fire departments in Lauderdale and Colbert counties are recruiting firefighters by using the Explorer Program, which is certified through the Boy Scouts of America. Waterloo Chief Ted Kavach in Lauderdale County said, "We started one 18 years ago; it's really helped keep our numbers up." 17-year old Jared Ergle joined the Explorer Program at Littleville VFD in Colbert County. "This gives you a chance to get some first-hand experience and really see what it's like", Jared said. "It's been everything I hoped." Once the Explorers reach age 18, they can become members of the host department. Cherokee VFD (Colbert County) acknowledges that the program has been beneficial to their recruitment. Killen and Underwood-Petersville VFD (Lauderdale County) also participate in the Explorer program.

Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, participated in the annual Christmas Parade on December 3rd.

Rogersville VFD, Lauderdale County, participated in the annual Christmas Parade on December 3rd. Following the parade, a community Christmas Program was presented at the historic Rogersville Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Firefighter Tommy Wilson who was honored as Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, Firefighter of the Year. Air Masters Inc. and EMA Director Roy Waite were recognized as Supporters of the Year.

McIntosh VFD, Washington County, recognized Samantha Davidson as Jr. Firefighter of the Year and Stephen Carter as Firefighter of the Year. The John Sullivan Memorial Award was presented to Gilbert Johnston, Jr. Congratulations!



*AAVFD President Chauncey D. Wood, III consults with his father Chauncey D. Wood, Jr. (1st Executive Director of Alabama Sheriff's Association and Past President of the Montgomery Downtown Business Association) about upcoming 2012 legislation for the Volunteer Fire Services of Alabama.*

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## AUTAUGA COUNTY FIREFIGHTER AWARDS BANQUET



Velida Davis of the Independence Volunteer Fire Department was named the county's rural Firefighter of the Year during the Autauga County Firefighters Association's Dec. 17 awards banquet.

Davis, who was also chosen as her department's top firefighter, was presented with a plaque commemorating her selection, along with a ceremonial fire helmet.

The volunteer responders, along with members of the Autauga County Rescue Squad, played host to several dignitaries during the annual get-together, held at Prattville's Doster Memorial Community Center.

Among the guests were Prattville Mayor Bill Gillespie Jr., State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk, Alabama EMA Director Art Faulkner, Alabama Fire College Director Allen Rice, the fire college's Region 3 representative, Derrick Swanson, Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments President Chauncey Wood, Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Director Milton Parsons, Chief Mike Green, AAVFD District Director and District 88 State Rep. Paul Beckman.

David Chandler, president of the local association, highlighted the accomplishments of association members during the unprecedented outbreak of tornadoes that struck the state and the county during the spring.

A.J. Martin, chief of Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Services, delivered the keynote address. Martin recalled the events of April 27, when an EF4 tornado raged through the center of the city, and the challenges and triumphs that were experienced by all of Tuscaloosa's emergency responders during the violent weather phenomena.

Top firefighters for the year were selected from each rural fire department. Along with Davis, the winners were: Randy Head (Marbury); Tony Craig (Pentecost); Cainan Steele (Booth); Brian Johnson (Jones); Kenneth Grindle (Autaugaville); Derrick Logan (Billingsley); Dianne Hendrix (Pine Level); Cody Ross (White City), and Herman Surles (Old Kingston).

The Region 3 representative also presented training achievement awards to association members who completed advanced training during the year and awarded

Firefighter II certificates to those who completed this year's firefighter classes.

Also honored during the banquet were Pine Level VFD Chief Mark Caffey and PLVFD Firefighter Ray Smith, each of whom reached the 25-year service milestone.

Firefighter Valery Moses, who coordinated the county's fire prevention program, and Sgt. Regina Caffey, who coordinated this year's awards banquet, also received special recognition.



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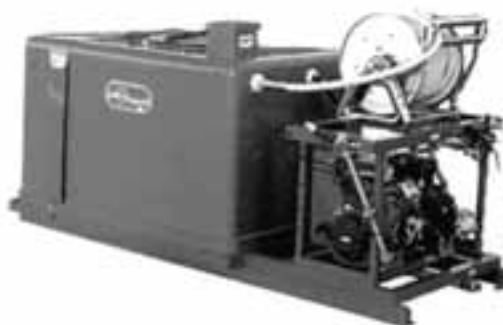
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**Donna Allen**, Beulah VFD, Marshall County, passed away October 1, 2011.

**J. B. Vaughn**, Ivalee VFD, Etowah County, passed away October 6, 2011.

**Retired Fire Captain Glen M. Gladwell**, Monroeville Fire/Rescue, Monroe County, passed away October 14, 2011.

**Marsha Ross Davidson**, McIntosh VFD, Washington County, passed away October 23, 2011. Marsha was McIntosh Chief Robbie Davidson's mother, as well as a volunteer fire fighter.

**Brian Andrew Lowe**, Nixon Chapel VFD, Marshall County, passed away November 3, 2011 after an extended illness.

**Rob Reed**, McCall VFD, Escambia County, passed away November 15, 2011.

**Myron Nobles**, Pine Level VFD, Autauga County, passed away December 1, 2011. He was a member of the fire service for 35 years.

**Erbie Johnson**, McCullough VFD, Escambia County, passed away December 3, 2011. He was a founding member of the department.

**Joy Bell Yates**, Walnut Grove VFD, Etowah County, passed away December 5, 2011. She has been a firefighter 43 years and was a charter member of Walnut Grove VFD.

**Chief James "Jimmy" Sexton**, Bridgeport VFD, Jackson County, passed away December 6, 2011 from a heart attack. Chief Sexton has served Bridgeport for 45-plus years.

**Chief Gary Lee Counselman**, Coffeeville VFD, Clarke County, passed away December 16, 2011.

**Jimmy Ashley**, Five Star VFD, Coffee County, passed away December 24, 2011. He was a member with Five Star VFD for 12.5 years.

## CONDOLENCES

*We extend our condolences to AAVFD Honor Guard Member Sue Starr on the death of her husband, Albert, in December.*

*We extend our condolences to AAVFD Honor Guard Commander Daniel Day and his family, with the loss of his Grandmother Vidra Mae Day.*

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