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Firefighter of the Year



Ray Hogans was honored as the 2008 Fire Fighter of the Year at the AAVFD Awards Banquet on August 2nd.

Ray Hogans goes above and beyond the call of duty for Lillian Volunteer Fire Department and surrounding fire departments in Baldwin County. He sets standards high for himself and his department. He leads by example and encourages all personnel to do the same. His willingness to help anybody and everybody is obvious to all around him. His character and attitude is an example for all to follow.

Ray has 20 years of service in the Lillian VFD, working through the ranks to the position of Chief. His military experience and years in the fire service have proven invaluable to the department. Lillian fire fighters rely on his leadership and knowledge to continually better the department and their fire fighting abilities.

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Sherry Garner Memorial Award



Janice Pennington was honored with the Sherry Garner Memorial Award recognizing the 2008 Female Fire Fighter of the Year at the AAVFD Awards Banquet in Tuscaloosa.

For the past 25 years, Janice has served Tharptown VFD in Franklin County in many capacities, including her present duties as secretary and treasurer of the department. She works at her paying job as an EMT at a commercial ambulance service, and through this job, she provides instruction, help and advice to department EMTs and First Responders. Janice provides all training for Tharptown personnel in AED/CPR certification. She is also a teacher within the county school system.

Janice responds to almost all department emergency dispatches. Usually one of the first on the scene, she is an excellent fire-ground organizer and serves as on-scene Safety Officer. Twice she has been honored by Tharptown VFD as Fire Fighter of the Year. Fire Fighter John Gross and Randi stated, "Janice takes

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2008 Scholarship Winners



Casey Lee Butler



Kayla Diane Davidson



Ashley Michelle Hallman



Billy Wayne Tobin

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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Chauncey Wood



Pressure is mounting for Congress to do something about climate change. While political debates in Washington, D.C. may seem far away from "Sweet Home Alabama", there are two very important issues before "Our" association's service.

First is the January 2013 Federal Communication Commission (FCC) mandate to narrow-band all conventional radio systems, of course, without any funding. Second is an Annuity and Benefit plan for our volunteers. The Alabama Legislators must realize that volunteer fire protection is not as it was fifty or sixty years ago and should want to see Legislation passed giving our volunteer firefighters benefits for their years of dedication and devoted service. There is no amount of money that can repay a volunteer for his/her hours of training, homes saved, loved ones pulled from MVA's, or lower insurance rates that homeowners reap due to our volunteer services. These two issues will be a top priority for our associations' legislative bill process until they pass the Alabama Legislature for our volunteers.

"Our" membership is at an all time high with 918 departments, which reflects the hard work by many of you. Our goal is 100% and can be done by reminding those departments that are not members what "Our" Association does for them; i.e., Legislative Support, Scholarship Program, Wildland Fire Prevention Grants, Accidental Death & Disability Insurance, Death in the Line of Duty benefit assistance, Firefighter Competition, Firefighter Relief Fund, State-wide Honor Guard and our Annual Conference.

We had a great Conference in Tuscaloosa on August 1 & 2. I want to say THANK YOU to ALL of the people from DISTRICT 3 who worked tirelessly to make the Conference such a success, the vendors, the competition teams, the Banquet coordinators, the speakers, and entertainment afterwards. Tina I really enjoyed "The Bama Belle" riverboat ride!

In closing, I would like to say a personal THANK YOU for electing me your President of the AAVFD. My only promise is to work hard for "Our" association, and I feel that together we can accomplish much. Call me if you need me, and remember, "THE FUTURE OF TOMORROW DEPENDS UPON WHAT WE DO TODAY!"

2008 ELECTIONS

The election of officers for the 2008-2009 year was held at the general membership meeting on Saturday, August 2nd, in Tuscaloosa. District Directors and Alternate Directors were chosen by the 10 Districts. The following Officers and Directors were elected:

President - Chauncey Wood
First Vice President William A. Neal
Second Vice President Lawrence Huffman
Third Vice President Steve Dennis
Secretary Mary Jane Sells
Treasurer Gary Cobb

• District 1: Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Jackson, Madison and Marshall Counties

Director Mary Jo Chandler
Alternate Director Vernon Maroney

• District 2: Blount, Cullman, Jefferson, Shelby, St Clair, Walker and Winston Counties

Director Roger D. Wilson
Alternate Director Euell A. Hodge

• District 3: Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa Counties

Director Billy Doss
Alternate Director Scott Hallman

• District 4: Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Randolph, Talladega and Tallapoosa Counties

Director Dan Hopkins
Alternate Director Robert Cunningham

• District 5: Autauga, Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Marengo, Perry and Wilcox Counties

Director Mike Carlisle
Alternate Director Robert Slaughter

• District 6: Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike Counties

Director John A. Register
Alternate Director Otis "Butch" LeCompte

• District 7: Butler, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Escambia and Monroe Counties

Director Daniel Day
Alternate Director Joey Moffett

• District 8: Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile and Washington Counties

Director Charlie Dixon
Alternate Director Ray Hogans

• District 9: Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Limestone, Lawrence, Marion and Morgan Counties

Director Joey Boyd
Alternate Director Jimmy Looney

• District 10: Bullock, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery and Russell Counties

Director Forrest Gregg
Alternate Director Kalya Ray

The officers and directors were sworn by State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk at the Awards Banquet on August 2nd.

Phone Numbers and addresses for the Board members are posted on the AAVFD web site at www.aavfd.org, or you may call the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833.

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Conference Highlights



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Conference Highlights



Outgoing President Johnny Alberson and his wife Elaine are recognized by Incoming President Chauncey Wood



Vendor Displays



Guest Speaker State Forester Linda Casey



Welcome by Alabama Fire College Executive Director Allan Rice



2008-2009 Board of Directors were sworn in by State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk



New Life Members Roger Wilson (left) and Wess Etheredge (right).



Reform VFD in Pickens County sponsored the "Cruise on the Bama Belle". A special "Thank You" to Fire Fighter Glenn Heritage for his assistance with this event and contributing conference information in the previous newsletter.

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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

National Fire Fighter Health Week was observed August 18-22. In order to create awareness around important health issues in the emergency services and encourage first responders to take action, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), through its groundbreaking Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program, launched National Firefighter Health Week in August 2007. Now in its second year, National Firefighter Health Week is a week-long initiative to educate the fire and emergency services community and the public about heart-health as well as a variety of other health and wellness issues.

September 30 is World Heart Day.

Clio VFD, Barbour County, hosted a SCBA Course July 25-26, 2008. The class hours counted toward the Fire Fighters' 160-Hr Alabama Fire College Certification.

Bethsadia VFD, Cullman County, hosted a propane emergency presentation on August 19th presented by Emergency Response Training and Services.

Lillian VFD, Baldwin County, is hosting its First Lillian Recycle Regatta 2008 on September 13-14. There will be a craft show, raft race, competition events, and vendor displays.

The first annual Fire Fighters 5K for MDA was held on the campus of Shelton State Community College on August 16th.

The Alabama Fire College will host the 5th Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service on Oct. 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Loxley VFD, Baldwin County, hosted a Fire Inspector II class in August.

Escambia County Volunteer Fire Association observed its 9th annual Fire Fighter Appreciation Banquet on May 31 at Flomaton VFD. Congratulations to the following award winners: Thomas Wade McNaughton, Dixonville VFD was

posthumously awarded the A. C. Cook Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award, Ronnie Thompson, Brewton FD was honored with the Gregory Tucker Memorial Award for Career Fire Fighter of the Year, Angie Moffett of Roberts VFD was named EMS Person of the Year, Selina Gibson of Dixonville VFD was named Female Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year and Chief Michael Tyler of Appleton VFD was named Male Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year.

Captain Rick Miller of Lillian VFD, Baldwin County, has joined Tina Wood as photographer on the staff of "The Volunteer". Thank you, Rick and Tina, for the great conference photos in this issue!

Madison County Fire Explorer Post 423 participated in Sunday's (August 24th) North Alabama Run for the Fallen. We didn't let a little thing like Tropical Storm Fay stop us. The run was in remembrance of the fallen soldiers of the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns. Each participant was given a soldier to remember as we walked. Each of us remembered two soldiers as we did the course twice. The rain was a small sacrifice compared to what our servicemen and women give. We hope to be able to contact the families of the soldiers we remembered and thank them. Madison County Fire Fighter Rick Oelkers



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Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is celebrated each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign, the month is an opportunity to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action. This year's theme focuses on important preparedness steps individuals should take, including getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed, and getting involved.

Fire Corps developed the National Preparedness Month Resource Center to provide tools, resources, and materials that Fire Corps teams can utilize to help ready themselves and their community for emergency situations. Access the Fire Corps National Preparedness Month Resource Center online at www.firecorps.org. Fire Corps is a member of the National Preparedness Month Coalition, which is com-

prised of over 1,300 organizations that have partnered together to support and promote the initiative. Learn more about National Preparedness Month at www.ready.gov.



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NEW REGULATIONS WILL REQUIRE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO WEAR HIGH-VISIBILITY APPAREL

Federal regulations will take effect on November 24 requiring worker (including emergency responders) exposed to traffic or construction equipment within the right-of-way of a federal-aid highway to wear high-visibility safety apparel. This is the culmination of a process that began with the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in August 2005.

The Federal Highway Administration has determined that in order to comply with this regulation, workers must wear personal protective safety clothing that meets the Performance Class II or III requirements of the American National Standards Institute/International Safety Equipment Association (ANSI/ISEA) 107-2004 publication. Minimum requirements ANSI/ISEA compliant garments include use of fluorescent yellow-green, orange-red, or red background material with 360 degree retroreflective visibility. Garments should be labeled as compliant with ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 or ANSI/ISEA 207/2006.

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FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES 2007

In 2007, a total of 102 on-duty firefighter deaths occurred in the U.S. This is a sharp increase over the 89 firefighter fatalities that occurred in 2006, but returns to the long-term trend of close to 100 on-duty deaths annually. These figures exclude the 340 firefighter deaths at the World Trade Center in 2001.

Of the 102 firefighters who died while on duty in 2007, 53 were volunteer firefighters, 42 were career firefighters, four were employees of state land management agencies, one was an employee of a federal land management agency, one was a contractor with a federal land management agency, and one was a member of an industrial fire brigade.

In 2007, there were seven multiple-fatality incidents, the most severe of which resulted in the deaths of nine career firefighters in Charleston, South Carolina. The other six multiple-fatality incidents were all double-fatality incidents. Two firefighters were killed in a tanker crash while responding to a fire; two in a gas explosion; and eight were killed while operating inside at four separate structure fires.

The firefighters who died in 2007 ranged in age from 19 to 78, with a median age of 43.5 years. Sudden cardiac death, usually heart attacks, claimed the largest number of lives in the year, followed by crashes.

Source: NFPA Fire Analysis and Research Division.

BY-LAW VOTE FAILED TO FOLLOW PROPER PROCEDURES

Proper voting procedures were not followed causing an affirmative vote to be declared null and void.

The Board of Directors of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments presented a proposal to increase membership dues effective January 1, 2009 in an effort to meet the high cost of all aspects of conducting business.

AAVFD by-laws require a written secret ballot on any by-law change. The vote to approve or disapprove this proposal was carried out by a voice vote; therefore, this vote must be declared invalid.

Dues remain the same for the coming year, \$35 per department in counties with full membership and \$40 for individual fire department.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 (date of the great Chicago fire) falls.

The President of the United States has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during that week every year since 1925 to underscore the importance of fire safety and to honor the courage of the selfless fire fighters who put their lives on the line every day to rescue and protect their fellow citizens.

AAVFD is proud to support fire safety education efforts during Fire Prevention Week and all year long. The 2008 theme (October 5-11) is "It's Fire Prevention Week - Prevent Home Fires!" Start planning your Fire Prevention Week activities and access resources now.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAKING PROGRESS ON HOMETOWN HEROES PSOB CASES

The Department of Justice (DoJ) hosted a conference call on June 24 to give stakeholder organizations an update on the processing of Public Safety Officer's Benefits (PSOB) claims under the Hometown Heroes Survivor's Benefits Act. At the time of the call, DoJ had received 310 Hometown Heroes applications, of which 146 had been approved, 92 denied with 69 cases still pending. Thirty-nine claims that were initially denied are currently pending appeal. Out of 14 cases that have been ruled on so far, 12 have been approved.



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LILLIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, Baldwin County, proudly protects approximately 6,500 people living in an area of 37 square miles, operating out of 2 stations that protect a primarily residential area. LVFD is a public department whose members are in a 100% volunteer status. Lillian VFD has an ISO rating of 4.

Lillian is located in southeastern Alabama on U.S. Hwy 98, one mile from the Florida state line and about 15 minutes from the Gulf of Mexico. The department has 4 engines, one 75' Snorkel, one rescue pumper, one brush truck, one chief's vehicle, a medical rehab vehicle, general use P/U truck, and one first-responder van. Firefighters run an average of 400+ calls per year, offering Basic Life Support serv-



ice as well as fire protection. The Department has 2 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator); this device can restart a person's heart during a sudden cardiac arrest.

Barbour County - District 6

CLIO HOSTS SCBA CLASS

Clio Volunteer Fire Department, Barbour County, hosted a 12-hour Basic Self-Contained Breathing Class (SCBA) Friday and Saturday, August 25-26. Volunteer Firefighters attending the class were from Clio, Blue Springs, Louisville and Marley Mill (Dale County) VFDs. Steve Messer of Dothan Fire and Rescue and UAB was the course instructor. Firefighters spent hours of intense training in the 95 degree heat in full turnout gear. Shirley Smith of Clio Rescue was on scene as the EMT for any heat exhaustion emergencies. Heath Clark, of Louisville VFD, served as the Safety Officer. Chauncey Wood, Training Officer for Clio Fire, was the course coordinator.

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Honor Guard Members Honored with Presidential Volunteer Service Award

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. In 2002, President George W. Bush challenged all Americans to make time to help their neighbors, communities, and Nation through service. He created the USA Freedom Corps to help all Americans answer his call to service. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Mr. Ray Hogans, an agent for this program, planned and presented this recognition ceremony for members of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments' Honor Guard, who were recognized and honored at the annual Awards Banquet on August 2nd. Ray was assisted by Alabama Fire College

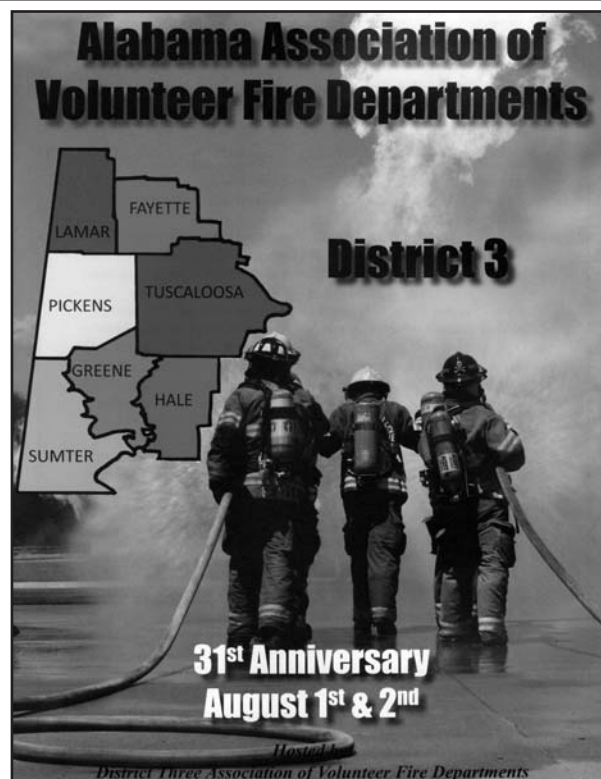
Executive Director Allan Rice. These Honor Guard members have set a standard for service to our fallen volunteer fire fighters and their families for the last 3-1/2 to 12 years.

Presented with an official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin, a personalized certificate of achievement, a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States were Honor Guard members: Alan Reeser, Alan Rutledge, Bobby C. Cline, Bryant Robinson, D. H. Oden, Daniel Day, Darren Sloas, Dustin Lovelady, Eric Sullivan, Hugh Harris, James Chancey, Jerome Lovelady, Jerry Jackson, Mary Sells, Reggie Sprinkle, Johnny Dennis, Steve Henderson, Tommy MacPherson, Sue Starr, and Wayne Cost.



A BIG THANKS FROM DISTRICT THREE

All of District Three would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2008 AAVFD Conference. And a special Thank You to Mr. Alan Rice, Mr. Jimmy Conner and Mr. Larry Jarvis and also the rest of the staff of our Alabama Fire College. Also Alabama Forestry Commission for providing security, the competition teams and all the vendors. We hope everyone had a good time while in Tuscaloosa. District Three would like to let everyone know that we donated a portion of our proceeds to the Alabama Forestry Commission to help get the bloodhound program started. If anyone is interested in helping them please contact Mr. Craig Hill. Again, thanks from District Three, without everyone's support the 2008 conference would not have been a great success.



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Most people underestimate the speed and power of fire and smoke, and the danger they pose. The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Department and the Alabama Forestry Commission have joined in partnership providing a Wildland Fire Prevention Grant to volunteer fire departments. Applicants presented programs to educate and change people's attitude and adopt life-saving behaviors to protect themselves and their property from wild fire.

The following associations and fire departments were successful in obtaining funding for their projects:

NE REGION	COUNTY	AMT AWARDED
Alder Springs	Marshall	\$4,800.00
Nectar	Blount	\$2,000.00
Richville	Coosa	\$4,975.00
Union Hill	Chambers	\$920.00
NW REGION	COUNTY	AMT AWARDED
Lynn	Winston	\$5,000.00
SE REGION	COUNTY	AMT AWARDED
Baker Hill	Barbour	\$5,000.00
Covington Co Assn	Covington	\$2,400.00
Forest Home	Butler	\$5,000.00
Green's Crossroads	Barbour	\$5,000.00
Headland	Henry	\$3,000.00
Shackleville	Butler	\$3,000.00
Spring Creek	Butler	\$2,000.00
SW REGION	COUNTY	AMT AWARDED
Appleton	Escambia	\$4,328.00
Dallas Co Assn	Dallas	\$5,000.00
Flomaton	Escambia	\$3,000.00
Frisco City	Escambia	\$5,000.00
Hamburg	Perry	\$1,000.00
Heiberger	Perry	\$1,000.00
Monroe Co Assn	Monroe	\$2,500.00
Roberts	Escambia	\$2,500.00
Uniontown	Perry	\$400.00
Uriah	Monroe	\$3,000.00
Wallace	Escambia	\$2,800.00
West Perry East Hale	Perry	\$3,500.00
Wilcox Co Assn	Wilcox	\$1,500.00

Escambia County - District 7

MCCALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW FIRE APPARATUS by Charles Jackson

The photo shows McCall VFD officers accepting delivery during the AAVFD Annual Conference of their custom-built 2008 Model Badger-I Brush Truck from Sunbelt Fire Inc. The Ford F-350 Super Duty 4 X 4 chassis was purchased through the Alabama State Bid-List Contract, then custom mounted on a PolyBilt body with 310 gal capacity water and foam tanks, 245 GPM Hale fire pump, 2KW Onan generator & Havis-Shield Tri-pod scene lights giving full capability for its multi-purpose on/off-road use by the department.

McCall Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was established in Escambia County, Alabama in 1983. The department has undergone many upgrades over the past 25 years, and today protects a rural population of 1,500 residents who live in more than 700 residences in the protection area. The department provides 24X7

Fire and EMS protection for an area just over 30 square miles in size from its single station located along US Highway 31 South, between the municipalities of Brewton and Flomaton, Alabama.

The department recently received an improved Protection Class 6 rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO).



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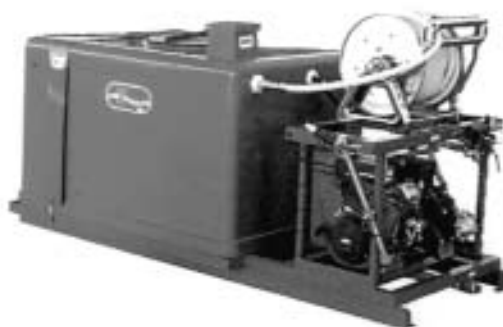
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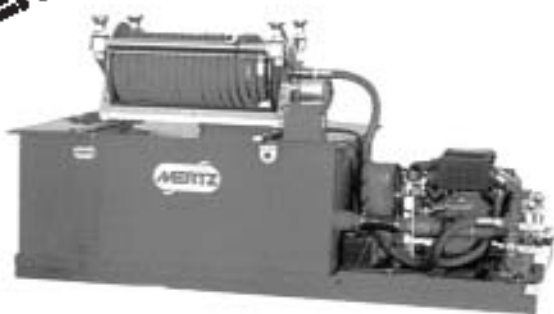
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2008 Conference Competition Results

Joey Boyd, Competition Chairman



Fulton – First Place Overall



Thomasville passes Challenge Trophy to Fulton



Thomasville – Second Place Overall



Sylvania – Third Place Overall

OBSTACLE COURSE

Fulton (Clarke)	108.55
Thomasville (Clarke)	109.09
Sylvania (DeKalb)	113.87

WATER ON THE ROOF

Sylvania (DeKalb)	24 in.
Thomasville (Clarke)	22 in.
East Limestone (Limestone)	20 in.

HOSE LAY 1

Fulton (Clarke)	34.37
Johnson's Crossing (Cullman)	34.72
Thomasville (Clarke)	38.91

OVER ALL

Fulton VFD	20 pts
Thomasville VFD	19 pts
Sylvania VFD	15 pts

The Fulton and Thomasville Volunteer Fire Departments brought some new trophies home to display in their fire stations in Clarke County. Fulton took first place and Thomasville took second place in Over-All Competition. Sylvania VFD, always a fierce competitor, took third place overall.

As the over all winner this year, Fulton will keep the 10- year Challenge trophy for one year. The winner each year has their name engraved on this trophy. The department whose name is on the trophy the most times keeps the trophy after the 10-year span is complete. Thomasville VFD has 5 wins on the competition trophy already, which is the most times for any department, so they will keep it permanently next year.

Thomasville VFD also has the previous 10-year Competition trophy, and Daphne Fire Department has the first trophy. Congratulations to all of the Competition teams! You did a great job!



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

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP		
FAYETTE	15%	4 of 13
GREENE	100%	12 of 12
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR	100%	10 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	20 of 20

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP		
CHAMBERS	100%	13 of 13
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
TALLADEGA	26%	4 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	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	100%	10 of 10
HENRY	100%	6 of 6
HOUSTON	100%	17 of 17
PIKE	100%	9 of 9

DISTRICT 7 MEMBERSHIP		
BUTLER	100%	16 of 16
CONECUH	100%	21 of 21
COVINGTON	100%	20 of 20
CRENSHAW	100%	12 of 12
ESCAMBIA	100%	22 of 22
MONROE	100%	14 of 14

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP		
BALDWIN	57%	20 of 33
CHOCTAW	100%	14 of 14
CLARKE	100%	14 of 14
MOBILE	100%	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	100%	19 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP		
COLBERT	100%	14 of 14
FRANKLIN	100%	13 of 13
LAUDERDALE	100%	14 of 14
LAWRENCE	100%	11 of 11
LIMESTONE	100%	13 of 13
MARION	100%	12 of 12
MORGAN	100%	22 of 22

DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP		
BULLOCK	100%	7 of 7
ELMORE	100%	20 of 20
LEE	100%	7 of 7
LOWNDES	12%	1 of 8
MACON	20%	2 of 10
MONTGOMERY	100%	8 of 8
RUSSELL	100%	11 of 11

Washington County - District 8

FRANKVILLE VFD RECEIVES 2007 FEMA GRANT

Nancy Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer

Located in Washington County, Frankville is a small community of 500 residents. Since its conception in 1988 with a membership of 18, the department has not been able to purchase new equipment until receiving FEMA's Operation and Safety Grant. Then, the breakdown of the department's antiquated brush truck required the members to make an individual purchase of a Dodge 2008 three-quarter ton flatbed truck.

The equipment purchased with the grant included new turnout suits and the 2007 NFPA-approved SCBA units for many of the members, and also purchased new radios for the members and the three vehicles. Much needed was the training equipment for in-house use with the purchase of a DVD, PC, Copier machine and software.

Since receiving the grant, Frankville VFD has worked diligently completing various trainings. This has included in-house training from certified firemen in extinguishing propane fires, mass casualty, controlled

structural fires, EVOC truck training and mutual aid training with the Jaws of Life. Also, a 40-hour class has been conducted with a certified trainer in First Responding from the Jets Ambulance Service. This course has included classroom studies, training in how to assist ambulance attendants, helicopter rescue, and a refresher course in CPR, as well as learning extraction from a wrecked vehicle.

The new Brush/Rescue truck has already proven invaluable lessening the call-out times. Its various uses in responding to wrecks, First Responder call-outs and attending to wind damage in the community has been a tremendous asset.

Frankville VFD has appreciated receiving the FEMA Grant, which has allowed the department to achieve so much in a short amount of time through the training and new equipment. With these new acquisitions, interest within the community has generated new membership and unity within the department.

Firefighter of the Year (cont. from cover story)

Ray has earned his certification in Emergency Medical, Extrication, Incident Command, Terrorism Awareness, Life Flight Safety, Water Rescue, EVOC, and many more training areas. He is also a member of Lower Alabama Search & Rescue, constantly updating his own knowledge, as well as, assuring that all rescue personnel do the same.

Lillian VFD has grown under Chief Hogans' direction. He has taken the time and effort to locate and present training courses in many areas. He encourages all fire fighters to do everything to the best of their ability and to take classes and practice to overcome any weaknesses.

He has updated and maintained department equipment to provide better service to the community. He leads the way in organization and efficiency in all aspects of the department. With his guidance, several grants have been obtained to provide the department with quality fire fighting equipment.

Lillian Fire Fighters state, "Ray Hogans willingly takes the time necessary for all personnel by lending a helping hand in any area needed, whether it's personal or going back over a newly-learned skill. He puts in 60-70 hours a week and covers around 90% of all runs. Ray has a very positive attitude and goes out of his way to ensure the best and most efficient volunteer fire department possible."

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Sherry Garner Memorial Award (cont. from cover story)

her jobs very seriously, and the Tharptown Volunteer Fire Department would not operate as efficiently, and our community would not be as safe, without her."

Janice can operate any vehicle or equipment used by the department and is the first person to volunteer to be trained in any new equipment that the department puts into use. She recently completed a 7-hr class to become EVOC certified.

Janice is a 160-hour Certified Fire Fighter. She holds a Basic EMT license and is a Red Cross volunteer for emergency disaster assistance. She is a certified CPR instructor and feels quite strongly that every man, woman and child should be able to perform CPR, because one never knows when the opportunity to save a life will present itself.

As treasurer, Janice handles all funds from any source and is extremely efficient in keeping accurate books that would be the envy of most accountants. Every penny of the department's money is accounted for and reported to the department membership on a regular basis. This effort alone is a major accomplishment when you consider all the regulations she has to contend with. She will be the first to let us know when we can or cannot afford a purchase. She works with persistent determination on all department fundraising events to make them a success.

Janice was nominated for 2008 Shoals Volunteer Woman of the Year and competed with some extremely well-qualified women from the area. When nominating Janice for the Sherry Garner Memorial Award, Chief Douglas Hatton stated, "Needless to say, we are extremely proud to have such a person representing the Tharptown Volunteer Fire Department. She is a valuable asset to the department and all the communities that we serve, but most of all she is an asset to the Alabama Fire Service."

2008 Scholarship Winners

(cont. from cover story)

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, in partnership with VFIS of Alabama, has selected 4 outstanding students to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The winning students were announced during the Awards Banquet on August 2nd in Tuscaloosa.

The recipients of the scholarships are as follows:

- **Casey Lee Butler** lives in Cullman and is a member of the Gold Ridge VFD. His father, Roger Butler, has been a member of Sardis VFD for 20 years. Casey plans on entering the nursing program at Wallace State Community College.
- **Kayla Diane Davidson** lives in McIntosh and has been a member of McIntosh VFD for 4 years. Her father, Randy Davidson, is also with the department. Kayla plans to attend Bishop State Community College with a planned major in nursing.
- **Ashley Michelle Hallman** lives in Moundville. Her father, Scott Hallman, has been a member of Lock 5 VFD for 18 years. Ashley plans to attend Shelton State Community College with a planned major in Respiratory Therapy.
- **Billy Wayne Tobin** lives in Roanoke. His father, Wayne Tobin, has been a member of Roanoke VFD for 25 years. Billy plans to attend Southern Union State Community College in Wadley with a planned major in nursing.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter Tyler Casey, (21) Volunteer
Department: Seneca Area Fire Protection District, Racine MO
Date of Death: 5/12/08
Cause of Death: Injured when tornado struck while he was warning people in area to get to safety and died two days later.

Name/Rank: Training Captain Joseph R. Mixon (51) Career
Department: Birmingham Fire & Rescue Service Dept, Birmingham AL
Date of Death: 5/13/08
Cause of Death: After feeling ill and returning home from duty the previous day, he suffered a CVA and passed away after being transported to the hospital.

Name/Rank: Chief Raymond Eusden (57) Volunteer
Department: Aston-Beechwood Volunteer Fire Co, Aston PA
Date of Death: 5/20/08
Cause of Death: Became ill while working on fire apparatus and was transported to hospital where he went into cardiac arrest and could not be revived.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jay C. Maddy (41) Volunteer
Department: Eaton VFD, Eaton IN
Date of Death: 5/23/08
Cause of Death: After a series of arson fires, the community was placed on curfew and a fire watch was established. Approximately 16 hours after working fire responses and finishing his assignment of the fire watch, he suffered chest pains and passed away from apparent heart attack. Two suspects, a juvenile and an 18-year-old male, have been arrested in connection with 21 fires that included 4 cars, 1 recreational vehicle, 1 boat, numerous trash cans, a moped and a church bus.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Richard Burns (43) Career
Department: Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire, Pittsburgh PA
Date of Death: 5/24/08
Cause of Death: Found deceased in firehouse by fellow firefighters from cause still to be reported.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Russell Thomas Topping (28) Volunteer
Department: Barnsdall Rural FD, Barnsdall OK
Date of Death: 5/31/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed after finishing a live fire training exercise at Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training Center. All efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. Cause of death is still to be determined.

Name/Rank: Second Asst Chief Colin Gene Thomas (51) Volunteer
Department: Verona VFD, Jacksonville NC
Date of Death: 6/14/08
Cause of Death: Passed away from injuries sustained when he was struck by a semi tractor-trailer while working traffic control after a series of 8 vehicle collisions because of extreme low visibility conditions due to smoke from a controlled burn.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Kevin Patrick Pryor (31) Career
Department: Newport Beach FD, Newport Beach CA
Date of Death: 6/16/08
Cause of Death: Fell ill several hours after returning from deployment on strike team working the Humboldt Fire and passed away from a non-traumatic brain hemorrhage.

Name/Rank: Fire Chief George E. Crocker (32) Volunteer
Department: Pine Level VFD, Pine Level NC
Date of Death: 6/22/08
Cause of Death: Found deceased in bed from cause still to be determined. Within the previous 24 hours, he responded to one mutual aid fire and three EMS calls.

Name/Rank: Deputy Chief Jeff Powers (44) Career
Department: Southern Marin Fire Protection District, Mill Valley CA
Date of Death: 6/26/08
Cause of Death: Collapsed while talking to colleagues at Sausalito Fire Station. Attempts to revive him were unsuccessful. An autopsy will be performed.

Name/Rank: Captain Gary L. Studer (61) Career
Department: Whitehouse FD, Whitehouse OH
Date of Death: 6/28/08
Cause of Death: Found unconscious in his bunk, he was transported to hospital where he died of complications related to a stroke.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael MacDonald (26) Wildland Part-Time
Department: Chief Mountain Interagency HotShot Crew, Blackfeet Tribe, Browning MT
Date of Death: 6/29/08
Cause of Death: While fighting fire on north rim of Grand Canyon National Park, he was bitten by an insect. Two days later, he suffered anaphylactic shock from antibiotics and was being flown to Medical Center in Arizona. About quarter mile from hospital, the helicopter collided with another medical-transport helicopter killing Firefighter MacDonald.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert Roland (63) Volunteer
Department: Anderson Valley VFD, Boonville CA
Date of Death: 7/3/08
Cause of Death: Became fatigued and short of breath while helping to lay water hoses at Oso fire and passed away in Intensive Care Unit from cause still to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Joe Pat Jordan (71) Volunteer
Department: Pickton-Pine Forest VFD, Pickton TX
Date of Death: 7/4/08
Cause of Death: Went into cardiac arrest while responding to reported MVA and never regained consciousness in hospital. He passed away two days later.

Name/Rank: Chief Robert Leland Knight (42) Volunteer
Department: Teague VFD, Teague TX
Date of Death: 7/5/08
Cause of Death: While advancing hose line at upholstery/auto body shop, the front brick was collapsed, entrapping him. He was extricated and transported to hospital but did not survive his injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Richard L. Kear (58) Paid-on-Call
Department: Pitt Township VFD, Harpster OH
Date of Death: 7/7/08
Cause of Death: Operating a fire department engine en route to a vehicle fire when for a reason still under investigation of state police, the apparatus left the roadway and crashed. He was ejected from the vehicle and seriously injured. Another firefighter onboard the apparatus reportedly crawled out of the engine and began first aid until EMS units arrived. He was airlifted to hospital but did not survive injuries.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Ryan T. Barker (25) Volunteer
Department: West Hill Fire Dept, Elmira NY
Date of Death: 7/8/08
Cause of Death: Died of injuries received when the fire apparatus he was driving overturned in a zigzag curve ejecting him. The cab area of the apparatus was heavily damaged; the water tank separated from the vehicle several feet further down the road in the opposite lane of travel.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Johnny Bajusz (69) Volunteer
Department: Layton VFD-Monroe County F/R, Long Key FL
Date of Death: 7/18/08
Cause of Death: While responding to a recreational vehicle fire in his POV, he attempted a u-turn and was struck by a large utility truck coming up from behind. He suffered serious injuries with ongoing complications and remained in the hospital over 6 months. He was taken home where, the following day, he passed away from his injuries.

Name/Rank: Fire Police Officer David Meron (58) Volunteer
Department: Hoosick Falls FD, Hoosick Falls NY
Date of Death: 7/20/08
Cause of Death: After having responded to two alarm calls in quick succession and being released from duty, he was found unconscious and unresponsive in his vehicle at the entrance to the firehouse parking lot. All efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Hummert (22) Career
Department: Maplewood FD, St Louis MO
Date of Death: 7/21/08
Cause of Death: As he responded to a vehicle fire and got out of his apparatus, he was shot and killed by a gunman inside a nearby residence. Two police officers were also shot, one critically. The residence used by the gunman caught fire and was destroyed as it was being surrounded by law enforcement personnel. Status of the gunman is yet to be reported.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Brian J. Munz (24) Volunteer
Department: Fairbury FD, Fairbury IL
Date of Death: 7/22/08
Cause of Death: Died while working interior fire attack in a two-story family residence when the first floor collapsed trapping him in the basement. Attempts by other firefighters to rescue him were unsuccessful.

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THE BELL TOLLED

Royce Council, Fulton VFD, Clarke County, passed away February 13, 2008. He was a member for 30 years, and although inactive at the time of his death, he continued to assist the department with fund raisers and other activities.

Bobby Andrews, Highway 247 VFD, Colbert County, passed away March 11, 2008.

Firefighter/Paramedic Bob Keuch, Gainesville VFD, Sumter County, passed away May 6, 2008.

Retired EMT Earlene Norris, South Marengo Fire & Rescue, Marengo County, passed away May 20, 2008. She was a member of the department over 30 years.

Mark William Davis, Battle Ground VFD, Cullman County, passed away May 23, 2008.

Delton Johnson, Emelle VFD, Sumter County, passed away June 7, 2008 of an apparent heart attack.

James Arthur Selzer, Jr., Beat 1 VFD, Monroe County, passed away June 16, 2008.

Huey Johnson, Flomaton VFD, Escambia County, passed away from cancer June 24, 2008. He was past-president of Escambia County Fire Association.

Matthew Crump, McCollum-Midway VFD, Walker County, died in a plane crash on June 29, 2008. He worked as an EMT Basic with a local ambulance service. His father, mother, girl friend and two family dogs also perished in the crash.

Driver/Engineer L. G. "Bud" McNair, Clio Fire/Rescue, Barbour County, passed away July 30, 2008.

Chief Bobby Ray Bowen, Trimble VFD, Cullman County, passed away July 30, 2008.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to District 1 Director Mary Jo Chandler on the loss of her sister, Weadith Hunt, who passed away in June.

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Marvin Weekly who passed away July 2. President of the Professional Firefighters of Alabama and State Representative to the International Association of Firefighters, Marvin was a regional coordinator for the Alabama Fire College for several years.

We extend our condolences to Roy Adamson, Scholarship Chairman, whose mother, Eunice Adamson, passed away August 24, 2008.

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: Chauncey Wood – (334) 397-4032, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, Lawrence Huffman – (256) 446-9813, or Steve Dennis – (334) 283-2110.

A copy of the booklet "Death In Line Of Duty" may be obtained from the Montgomery office.

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