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Third Annual Firefighters Memorial Service

By: Johnny Dennis, Honor Guard Commander



AAVFD Honor Guard

On October 22, 2006, members of the Alabama Fire Service, state officials, firefighter families, and the general public attended the Third Annual Firefighters' Memorial Service in Tuscaloosa. Families or representatives of the eight firefighters who died in the line of duty, were presented American flags in honor of their service by members of the Alabama Fire Service Honor Guard. This memorial is a tribute to all of Alabama's Firefighters. The flags were donated by the Woodmen of the World Insurance.

This year completes phase one of the Alabama Joint Fire Council with the construction of two granite obelisk listing the names of firefighters who lost their lives in the line-of-duty from 1901 to the present date. Phase two will be a memorial relief to be placed within the State Capitol Hall located on Union Street in Montgomery. Phase two of this project is scheduled to be completed in 2007. Only then will Alabama follow in the steps of many other states that have memorials to honor their fallen firefighters.

The one question I ask is "What does the memorial mean to the fire service?" Most of us know someone whose name is forever carved in granite at this memorial. For me, attending the memorial service involves a range of emotions - from pride to sadness. I am proud to participate in honoring those who have paid the ultimate price, but saddened to observe the loss of the surviving family and friends, e.g., the loss of Bert Cole, Anniston Fire Department; Lynn Elliott, Anniston Fire Department; L.H. Pannell, Opelika Fire Department; William H. Poage, Pintlala Fire Department; Christopher James Roy, Calera Fire Department; Jimmy Walker, Anniston Fire Department; Frank Walker, Anniston Fire Department; and Allen Wayne Wright, Hollywood Fire Department. Due to the nature of a firefighter's job, these names will not be the last to be memorialized. I am humbled to honor those that have answered their last call.



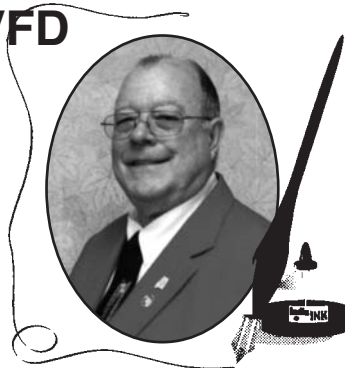
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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Alberson



Greetings to everyone,

Here we are in the midst of the holiday season with plenty of work to go around for everyone. I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and we are all looking forward to Santa's visit on Christmas Eve.

Things have been a mite slow at the office for the past couple of weeks. As many of you already know, Mrs. Sandra broke her left wrist in a fall and had to have surgery to pin the bones together and this has slowed her down some - not stopped, but slowed down. I want to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate her faithfulness to the office and

the many things that she is called upon to do. There are plenty of jobs to go around, and as you have heard me say before, "I can't run AAVFD by myself; but together we can do it." I want to say a special "THANK YOU" to all who have done things, however small, to help in running AAVFD during my past and present terms as president. There have been many who have contributed items and pictures for the newsletter, and I say thanks, and I encourage everyone to take part in sending items for the newsletter.

We are nearing the beginning of the 2007 Legislative session. If anyone has ideas or needs to bring before the Legislature, I encourage you to bring these to your AAVFD district director, one of the Vice-Presidents or to me so that we can get the bills drafted and ready to be entered. If you have the opportunity, contact your Senator or Representative and seek their support of the AAVFD during the upcoming session.

Again, I want to wish each and every one a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and may we all seek and find the Lord's blessings in every undertaking.



Seasons Greetings!



From the Board of Directors of AAVFD, we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday season. Please remember that during this season and throughout the year, we are always here for our fire service family.

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town,
The fire siren echoed blaring its sound.
The firefighters came running from far and from near,
And raced to the trucks, quickly donning their gear.
And I in my bunkers, my boots and my hat,
Jumped to the engine to see where the fire's at.
Down at the corner of Fifth and of Oak,
The dispatcher informed us of a house filled with smoke.
Smoke poured from the sides, from up and from down,
Yet up on the roof there was none to be found.
So up to the rooftop we raised up a ladder,
And climbed to the top to see what was the matter.
I came to the chimney and what did I see,
But a fellow in red stuck past his knees.
Well, we tugged and we pulled until he came out,
Then he winked with his eye and said with a shout.
"These newfangled chimneys, they make them too small,
For a fellow as I, not skinny at all."
With a twitch of his nose he dashed to his sleigh,
And called to his reindeer, "AWAY, now, AWAY!"
As we rolled up our hoses, he flew out of sight,
Saying "God bless our firefighters!" and to all a good night.



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The Baby Boomer Volunteer Firefighter Generation

by Jack Gardner

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AGE PROFILE OF FIREFIGHTERS BY SIZE OF COMMUNITY*

<i>Population</i>	<i>Firefighters 30 & Under</i>	<i>Firefighters 30 - 39</i>	<i>Firefighters 40-50</i>	<i>Firefighters 50 & Up</i>
10,000 to 24,999	29%	31%	25%	15%
5,000 to 9,999	32%	28%	23%	17%
2,500 to 4,999	30%	28%	23%	19%
Under 2,500	25%	27%	26%	22%

*Communities protected by fire departments comprised all or mostly of volunteer firefighters. Most communities with populations of 25,000 or more are protected by career or combination fire departments.

Source: NFPA Survey of Fire Departments for U.S. Fire Experience, 2004.

Younger volunteer firefighters don't have to have all of the fun. If you're getting signals that it's time to step back and hand the nozzle over to a younger member, don't fear, there's still plenty of life left in the volunteer fire service for you.

The Baby Boomer generation that volunteered in their early 20s is now in their middle to late 50s. Chiefs, wives, doctors and even fellow firefighters may be telling you that it's time to think about a new role. This is not a problem. Many of the silver hairs around the temple region of your hairline are testimony to the wisdom and experience that you have acquired over the years. Your company and department need that - and they need you. You shouldn't, however, expect anyone to come right out and tell you that. You will need to take action on your own behalf. There are plenty of jobs to be done, and you can do them, or at least assist with most of them.

If you have enjoyed your years as a volunteer firefighter up to now, there is every reason to continue enjoying all of the new avenues that are open to the over-50 duty crew. These opportunities range from riding the apparatus as an assistant to cooking hot dogs after the drill is over. Depending on your age, abilities and interests, you can remain an active and vital part of your department. There is more to fire department service than being on the nozzle.

A strong organization needs a good mixture of personnel. Young members bring enthusiasm and strength. Middle-age members offer stability and maturity. Older members offer wisdom, experience and numbers. If a fire company expects to succeed, it will have to draw from the strengths of all of its members.

A company with all young members won't know that the hydrant at the end of 10th Street has low water pressure. The middle-age members won't have the numbers to get a full crew on the engine. And the older members won't have the strength to load 1,000 feet of fire-inch hose at 4 o'clock in the morning. But if you combine those three groups, you get a full crew of members, on a well-equipped engine, who know what they are doing, rolling out the door.

If you're looking for new ways to serve your department and community, consider these ideas:

- **Driver** - Rather than sitting in the back and donning an airpark, sit behind the wheel and work the pump at the scene. Let the young members have their turn on the nozzle.
- **Administrative Officer** - Run for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or trustee. These offices require a lot of work besides sitting at the front table on meeting nights.
- **Safety Officer** - During a call or drill, there is always a need to ensure that safety is being observed. Who better to make these observations than a veteran member like you?
- **Drill Master** - With your wealth of experience, you can plan single- and multi-company drills that will benefit everyone.
- **Training Officer** - Many classes are available to firefighters today. Scheduling classes, filing applications and keeping records is a big job. You would be an important part of broadening the knowledge base of your members.
- **Fund Drive Chairperson** - Many volun-

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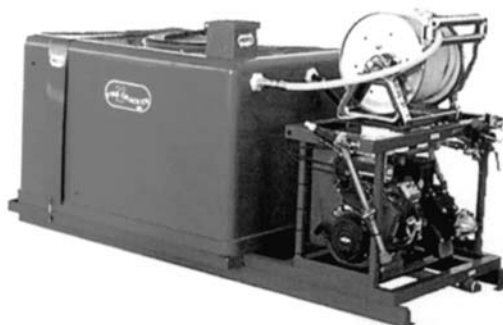
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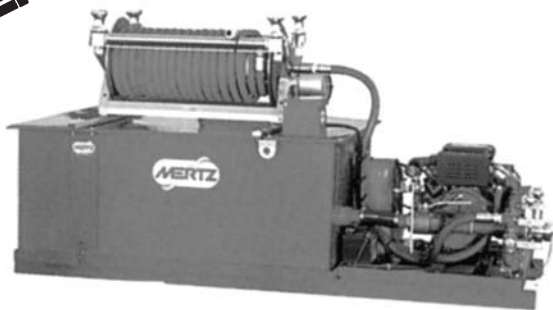
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Sylvania VFD Opens New Fire Station

Submitted by : Chief Bobby Abbott

The Sylvania VFD proudly opened its new fire station in November, and the all-volunteer force was pleased to announce that the new facility should save residents on insurance premiums.

The new fire hall sits adjacent to Sylvania High School, on property leased from the DeKalb County School Board. It can house three trucks and associated equipment. The project was envisioned by Fire Chief Bobby Abbott and his volunteer firemen, who also provided the labor for construction.

Sylvania VFD has a straight 6 ISO rating. ISO was asked what it would take to get it to a five, and they said, "Another station." Over the last three years, the firefighters had fund raisers, they've took up parking at ball games, and they have an auxiliary fund. With additional funds from Senator Lowell Barron and contributions

from other community sources, the building was constructed.

Chief Abbott is extremely proud of the work his volunteers have done and of the contributions made from other community sources. "My guys have all helped get this done," said Abbott. "When we needed them, they were there."



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Departments Featured

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District 6 – Pike County

Hamilton Crossroads Fire/Rescue

Submitted by Chief Thomas A. Dent
September 2006



The Hamilton Crossroads Fire Department was established in August 1988 and serves southern Pike, northern Dale and north-eastern Coffee Counties, they have 14 active fire fighters and three junior fire fighters,

In 2001 the Department name was changed to Hamilton Crossroads Fire/Rescue when all of its members received their First Responder Certification from the Alabama Fire College.

The Department is proud to be bilingual and able to Sign for the deaf.

Their equipment consists of a 750/1250 E-One pumper, two 1200 gallon water-tenders that double as brush trucks, an E-One mini-pumper and a box van that does double duty as a service and rehab truck.



L- Chief Tad Dent, R- Asst. Chief Chad Fuller



F2 Tornado Whips Hamilton Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department

Wednesday, November 15th, 12:31 Noon

Tad Dent, Chief of the Hamilton Crossroads Fire Rescue, supervised as members of his department and other local agencies worked to free fire trucks trapped under collapsed fire station walls.

Once the trucks were freed, Hamilton Fire Rescue personnel hopped on them and set off to search for anyone who may have been trapped or injured by the storm.

"It's what we do to help each other," he said.

As of late Wednesday afternoon, no injuries or deaths had been reported, but substantial property damage was evident.

Anyone wishing to make contributions may call Chief Dent @ (334)735-2686.

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Fourmile VFD

Chief Justin Glass

Fourmile VFD, Shelby County, recently celebrated the arrival of their new 2006 Ferrara pumper on a Kenworth chassis. This is the department's first brand new pumper that was purchased with a FEMA grant. The truck has a 1250 pump with a 1000 gal tank, 330 hp Cummins, inside the tank ladder storage and a rescue body. The truck was purchased from Tuscaloosa Fire Equipment for the amount of \$176,000.

The truck was dedicated in honor of long-time volunteer and one of the department's founders, Kelley Stone. A bucket brigade that started at the station's fire hydrant and preceded through the hands of 100-plus residents, finishing with Mrs. Stone (Kelley's widow) dousing the hood of the pumper symbolizing the christening. From there the residents gathered around the truck and pushed it into the station, deeming it officially in service. Preceding this, a carnival was held on the grounds at the station with rides in the new truck.



Pictured from L to R: Chief Justin Glass, Deputy Chief John Entrekin, Lt Jimmy Morgan, FF Johnny Farmer, FF Joanna Entrekin, FF James Benson, S.O. Larry Ray, P.I.O. Katherine Walcott, FF Tyler Hutton, Assistant Johanna Morgan

Screamer Fire Department

Submitted by Chief Wally Howerton

In 1988 on November 18th, the Screamer Fire Department was certified. The Department started with a 1955 GMC Pumper.

The Department has grown since the beginning. We now have 3 stations covering our territory. Eight trucks also service this area. There are 21 active members. We are proud of our ISO rating of 6.

We are proud to contribute to our friends and community.



Goshen VFD

Assistant Chief Rusty Yeomans

On March 26th, 1983 The Goshen Volunteer Fire Department was established. Station one is located in the town limits on Glenwood Road and station two is located North of Goshen at Rodgers Schoolhouse. Both cover the west and southwest parts of Pike County.

We have a total of 28 members. They are Firefighters, First Responders, EMT'S and a Paramedic. Several members are Alabama Fire Standards and Training, 160 hour certified volunteer firefighters and also extrication certified. Fire Chief Mark Miley, (with lots of help from GVFD members), were successful in acquiring a 2005 Ferrara Pumper through the fire assistance grant.

Other GVFD fire fighting equipment included: 3 pumpers, (1982 E-one, 1971 Mack and a 1973 Mack refurbished in 1996), 1985 Ford rescue truck equipped with jaws of life, 1989 Ford brush truck and Alabama Forestry Commission loaded 1980 International 1000 gallon tanker.



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Shorterville VFD by Chief Edward Knight

In 1980, Shorterville was certified as a volunteer fire department. We started out with two forestry trucks that were kept under a shed that the firemen built, years went by and then we purchased a 1961 American LaFrance pumper. The Fire Department began to grow and we built a three bay and classroom fire station. Today we own three pumpers and two tankers. There is a good water supply now, where the county put in a new well and tank. The department received a new ISO rating of 5/9 last year. We have Mutual aid with our neighboring fire departments.

Our building, trucks, pumpers and equipment are all paid for and we keep enough money in the bank to pay for additional equipment and repairs.

Photos by Tina Wood



Chief Edward Knight, shows where it all began



Present-Day Station



Odis Buxton, Chief Knight, Eddie Johnson & Bullet Littlefield

District 6 - Barbour County

Louisville VFD

Louisville officials join Congressman Terry Everett and USDA Rural Development Director Steve Pelham as firefighters gather for the groundbreaking ceremony for Louisville's new fire station. Shoveling the first dirt are Councilman Thomas Crossley, Everett, Louisville Mayor Jimmy Grant, Pelham, and Fire Chief Lance Clark & City Clerk Janice Clark.



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Earth Angels with Helmets

by Robbie Dee

This poem was submitted to Pea Ridge firefighter Linda Boothe to be placed in THE VOLUNTEER Newsletter. It was written by Robbie Dee, a citizen in Shelby County, in honor of the Shelby County firefighters, both paid and volunteer.

*With helmets atop, heavy gear on their backs
Whether it be a fire or injury with great speed they react.*

*Their shift may have been bad with some things no one should see,
Fighting they save our homes, our pets, and sometimes, you and me.*

*They are admired by all, their contributions are great
But sometimes these earth angels with helmets arrive at the pearly gates.*

*The wings they had tucked under their heavy yellow- striped gear
Now grow big and strong and their great hearts even greater.*

*On the engines and ladders they are here to keep you safe and to guide,
And I know the heavenly angels with helmets are right by your side.*

*Thank you for being our earth angels and I hope we all see,
Some truly brave people who take risks to protect you and me.*

District 6 - Barbour County

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During fire prevention week, Jacob Moats took a tour of Clio Volunteer Fire Department and took the opportunity to have his picture made on Engine 28. Jacob is the son of Pam and Michael Moats of Clio and the grandson of Larry and Jane Moats of Clio, and Haran and Wendy Helms of Blue Springs. Jacob is 6 years old, goes to Goshen Elementary School and is in kindergarten. Jacob wants to be a Firefighter when he grows up.

Farm-Medic Training Course hosted by Green's Crossroad VFD

Green's Crossroad Volunteer Fire Department along with the Barbour County Young Farmers hosted a farm safety and extraction program for all fire departments and rescue squads in the county at the Barbour County Farm Center on Saturday the 16th of September. State Young Farmers Director Brandon Moore taught the class to the fire and rescue personnel that attended the training.

Forty-eight individuals representing Green's Crossroad, Clayton, Clio, Louisville, Baker Hill, White Oak, Spring Hill, Eufaula, Texasville and Banks Fire Department, Clayton Rescue, Clio Rescue, Baker Hill Rescue and Barbour County Emergency Management Agency attended the training session. Moore used a power-point presentation to present the proper techniques for safe extraction from agricultural equipment along with discussion on PTO and auger entanglements, and peanut and cotton-picker extraction. Moore gave several safety tips to the group on farm rescue to protect both the responders and the victim.

Moore, is certified and trained by the Cornell University Farm-Medic training course, explained to the group that few departments practice farm rescue, most train on fire suppression and automobile rescue. Therefore, many rescuers are unfamiliar with the modular design that is associated with farm equipment, which means the parts are often bolted together and would require a simple set of wrenches to disassemble safely and quickly. Also Moore pointed out several differences in the type and strength of materials that are used to build agricultural equipment, which the basic rescue tools that are carried on most fire trucks may or may not work in the rescue efforts.

After approximately one and a half hours of classroom training the group moved to the parking lot of the farm center to get hands on training and experience with actual farm equipment. Moore demonstrated how a victim could be res-

cued from entanglement in a peanut picker, both self-propelled and PTO driven, from a hay bailer and from a PTO shaft on a rotary mower. As demonstrated by Moore, with a little experience and calm, quick actions many lives can be spared with this simple training.

Green's Crossroad VFD and Barbour County Young Farmers wish to express their appreciation to Kendall and Justin Cooper with Cooper Farms, Floyd Green and Homer Green for furnishing the farm equipment that was used in the demonstration and to Alabama Farmers Federation, the State Young Farmers Organization and Mr. Moore for developing this training program for Alabama Fire and Rescue Departments.

Mr. Moore can be reached at 1-800-392-5705, ext 5159 or by email at BMoore@AlfaFarmers.org for additional information on training for other departments.



FARM SAFETY PROGRAM - Hugh Boyd, county EMA director, Charles Caraway of Louisville, who was injured in a farm related accident, Brandon Moore, Ella Caraway, and Mike Stell, Green's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department are among those who attended the farm safety and extraction program Saturday.

District 6 - Houston County

Taylor VFD



Taylor Volunteer Fire Chief Wayne Peterman, Center, helps two firefighters during a recent training exercise.



Clio VFD Inspector Chauncey Wood presents ASAI Smoke Alarms to Oak Haven Residents

Pictured left to right:

Albirtha Winslett, Obie Govan, Daisy Morrell, John Harrington, Sadie Mizell, Yvonne Adair.

teer companies depend greatly on their fund drive to keep them active. You may have what it takes to add some new ideas to the drive and watch the numbers grow.

- **Chaplain** - Your core beliefs and life-style are what got you to where you are today. As a chaplain, you can share those morals with others during their time of need. An in-house chaplain can give prayers and eulogies that are more personal and meaningful to the members and their families.

- **Historian** - Researching and sharing details about the department's history adds interest to meetings.

- **Photographer** - With digital cameras being so easy and inexpensive to use, and since everyone enjoys seeing themselves in print, what's keeping you from becoming the department's official photographer?

- **Public Relations Agent** - Local newspapers are in the business of publishing the news that is going on in and around town. A photo of members squirting water by a fire engine and brief captions answering the questions, who, what, where, why, when and how, and suddenly you are their star reporter. Don't forget local radio and TV outlets too.

- **Chef** - Anyone can cook a hot dog and we all know how good they taste after a long drill or a late fire call. Here's a chance to become the most popular person in the firehouse. After all, who's going to complain?

- **Radio/Base Station Operator** - During a call, having someone back at the firehouse to answer radio and telephone calls is a big help. A base station operator can assist the fire ground crews in many useful ways.

- **Administrative Assistant** - Reports, data, paperwork. There isn't a chief on this planet who wouldn't appreciate help with all the paperwork that a volunteer fire department must deal with. A couple of hours a week and knowledge of how to work a calculator and a computer can help you become the chief's new best friend.

- **General Apparatus Maintenance** - If you still want to get your hands dirty, there is always maintenance that has to be performed on the equipment. Checking fluid levels, air bottles, tire pressures, and emergency lighting can make life a lot safer for the firefighters when the call comes in.

- **Fire Police/Traffic Control** - Many states have fire police programs that train members to assist at emergency scenes with traffic and crowd control. Besides, you'll look real

sharp with that hat, badge and whistle.

- **Pump Operator's Assistant** - What motor pump operator (MPO) wouldn't appreciate a second pair of hands at a working fire?

With your knowledge and experience, and an empty seat on the first-due engine, why shouldn't you ride along to assist as needed?

- **Attend Meetings and Drills** - You need to attend meetings to assist with explaining past practices. You need to go to drills to tell the young members "how it used to be". We all like hearing stories about the "old days" when turnout coats were made of rubber and the drivers didn't have a roof to protect them from the rain and snow.

- **Good and Welfare** - Many states have very active and important relief and exempt associations. Both need members to ensure that the systems run properly and the members receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

- **March in Parades** - You have been a member long enough to represent the history of your department and community. Many people go to parades to see people like you. They realize that you represent a cornerstone to the organization, and they want to thank you. Dust off your hat and badge and find a comfortable pair of shoes.

- **Conduct Fire Inspections** - There are classes that you can take to become certified as a fire code official. Take the classes and go out there and become a part of keeping the fires from ever starting in the first place.

These are only some of the jobs that exist. Each department and company has its own method of operation. Within that system, there are many tasks that need to be taken care of. Examine your department and find the niche that you want to be a part of. It may already exist and you can jump right on board, or you may have to initiate it and get permission from the chief. It will only happen if you take the first step.

Chief Officers need to be aware of this growing population of firefighters and use them to the advantage of the department. At a fire call, the chief wants the best people doing the search, working the nozzle, and operating the pump. The chief should also want the best people running the meetings, raising funds, maintaining the apparatus and even cooking the hot dogs. There is a role for every member of the volunteer fire service who wants to continue serving and protecting the community, regardless of age.

Craig VFD Firefighting Fleet

Submitted by : Chief James Corley

With the assistance of a Fire Act Grant at a total cost of \$197,000+, Craig VFD has obtained a 2007 Peterbilt pumper/tanker that carries 3,000 gallons of water with a 1250 GPM Hale pump, Class A and B foam systems by Foam Pro, 400 GPM auxiliary pump, 6,000 watt generator, and it will carry all equipment for a class A pumper.

Also purchased to replace an older rescue unit was a 1988 Ford mini-pumper/rescue with 400 GPM pump, 250 gallon water tank and 15 gallon Class B foam system.

Chief James Corley stated, "Both trucks were purchased from Deep South Fire Trucks and should greatly enhance the capabilities of our department."



District 9 – Lawrence County

Moulton VFD Accepts Delivery of Truck

Submitted by : Lt Dwight Vanderford

In July, Moulton VFD took delivery of a 2006 Freightliner with a 300 ISC Cummins engine, a 1,000 gallon tank and a 5-inch dump valve in the rear. Captain Lloyd McCulloch, who died in the line of duty in February 2006, helped spec the truck before his death. Lt. Dwight Vanderford stated, "Captain McCulloch would have been proud of this truck. We are proud of it."



Lauderdale County Fire Association Increases Departments Annual Funding

Johnny Dennis-District 9 Director

In 1990, voters approved a thirty dollar fee per household to fund the volunteer fire service within Lauderdale County which provided approximately \$400,000 annually for the various fire departments. Today, the average

expense per department of \$42,294.87 exceeds the annual income of \$36,927.58 under the 1990 Funding Bill. The 2006 Funding Bill will increase the annual per household fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00, in addition to a \$50.00 annual

fee per business and/or commercial buildings outside the City of Florence. This increase will continue to ensure that the fourteen volunteer fire departments are able to provide the appropriate services for the community.

Lauderdale County Competition

by Joey Boyd, Competition Chairman

On October 14, I had the pleasure of conducting fire fighter competition for Lauderdale County Firefighters Association. There was fun for all from the young to the young at heart. There were displays of fire apparatus to fire prevention displays, vendors were on hand to show off new products as well as to donate products as door prizes. Not only did we have competition for the large fire-fighters, there was Lauderdale Counties competition for the children to build. There was extrication competition between departments. Each team was given the same task on different vehicles. Vehicles were decided by each drawing on which vehicle a team would work on. All were judged by the time it took to complete the task, the procedure they used and the safety that was taken. Life South was there to take anyone who wished to donate blood. No one went away hungry as there was plenty of food and drinks for everyone.

The Firefighter Competition went well, they ran a total of five events. The events were obstacle course, hose lay, bucket brigade, water on the roof and tug of war. One of the events was a money event, no one knows the money event until after all events are run. The tug of war was not used to determine the Over All winners. It was more of just a fun event for the departments who wanted to enter. As a matter of fact I think there was a team of females who beat a few men on a team. And when I say a team of females they had a team. I'm not going to say how many but it was a few more than us men had, you noticed I said us men, yes I was on the men team. I'm not sure all the men had their heart into this event. But we did have fun that's for sure. The department who ran competition were: Waterloo VFD(men), Zip City, Killen, Mid Lauderdale, Waterloo VFD(women). Yep you read it right Waterloo had an all female team, and they held their own too.

Here's how the events went:

Obstacle Course:

1st Lauderdale, 2nd Waterloo(men), 3rd Waterloo(women), 4th Waterloo (Men), 5th Zip City

Hose Lay:

1st Killen, 2nd Mid Lauderdale, 3rd Waterloo Men, 4th

Waterloo(men), 5th Zip City

Bucket Brigade:

1st Killen, 2nd Mid Lauderdale, 3rd Waterloo(men) 4th Zip City, 5th Waterloo(women)

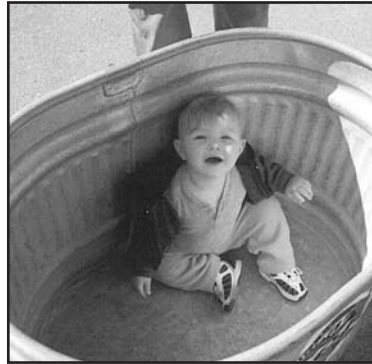
Over All Winners:

1st Mid Lauderdale, 2nd Killen and 3rd Waterloo(men)

The money event was Water on the Roof, the winner of the money was Killen VFD.

I am looking forward to returning again next year for another great time. If you would like to attend their Firefighter Day is always on the last Saturday of Fire Prevention Week every year. And yes if you are wondering someone did get wet at this competition, but I think I have found me a replacement, check out some of the pictures that were taken at the event. There's a future competition host in some of them, you'll see he wears the tub well, but there's no water in it, yet!

There was water in mine, look forward to seeing all the competition teams next year.



District 6 - Pike County

Banks VFD



Live Structure Burn Training

Left to Right: S.O. JL Fannin, FF D. Powell, Sgt JL Richburg



From Left to Right: Jacob Fannin, Chief Shayne Brown, Justin Richburg, Don Smith, Mack Flowers, and Justin Register



From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

Flomaton VFD, Escambia County, dedicated their new station on September 11th. They also observed the fifth anniversary of the 9-11 attacks on our country. AAVFD South Honor Guard members Daniel Day and Sue Starr participated in the ceremony along with the NAS Honor Guard. Also attending were AAVFD President Johnny Alberson, Second Vice President William Neal, and District 9 Director Johnny Dennis.

Springville VFD, St Clair County, hosted an 8-hour Air Monitoring class taught by UAGB/CLEAR Workplace Safety Training Program on September 23rd.

Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, held their annual Awards Banquet on October 12th. Alabama Homeland Security Assistant Director Joe Davis was the guest speaker. Congratulations to Daniel Day, Officer of the Year; Buddy Enzor, Firefighter of the Year; Pete Wilson, Rookie of the Year, and Leonard Racca and Joey Qualls, Outstanding Service Award.

Tuscaloosa County Fire Association held their annual Awards Banquet on October 21st.

Flomaton VFD, Escambia Co, on November 11th, hosted a demonstration that included an eighteen-wheeler and car with entrapment, Jaws of Life training, and the extraction of a car from under a school bus with entrapment in the car.

Lillian VFD, Baldwin Co, hosted a day of firefighter competition and an old-fashion firehouse chili cook-off on November 11th.

Killen VFD, Lauderdale County, hosted an Arson Detection class December 2-3

Congratulations to Ricky Pugh who was honored as Firefighter of the year by Thomasville VFD Clarke County.

WILDLAND OBSERVATION CLASS HELD IN FRISCO CITY

Area firefighters from Mexia, Frisco City, and Range VFD took part in a Wildland fire observations class at the Frisco City fire station in Monroe County. Alabama Forestry Commission Regional Fire Specialist Randy Kinman and Fire Investigator Tony Chandler taught the class. The class focused on teaching first responders to preserve the scene of the fire and allow firefighters to understand the various causes of Wildland fires and their cause indicators. Firefighters also learned to perform the basic procedures and techniques needed to provide witness and observer information to fire investigators and to recognize and protect Wildland fire origin areas.

Proper Wildland fire investigation gives agencies the infor-

mation needed to develop a successful fire prevention program and establish civil and criminal responsibility. This was the first class on this topic ever presented to a volunteer fire department in the state by the Alabama Forestry Commission.

Firefighters attending the class were: Mexia Volunteer firefighters Jerry Gibson, Shelia Gibson and Wendell Gibson; Frisco City firefighters Vincent Ferraro, Sue Starr, Linda Rowell, Debra Turberville, Daniel Day, Leonard Racca and Shannon Sawyer; and Range Volunteer firefighters Rodney Morgan, Loria D. Morgan and Luther Godwin.

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Summary of Distribution for 2006 Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program

Since 2001, the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program (AFG) has provided \$2.4 billion in grants to fire departments and first responder organizations for response equipment, vehicles, and fire prevention activities. In 2005, Congress reauthorized the AFG Program for an additional 5 years through 2010. Fiscal year 2006 Volunteer Fire Department Award Recipients in Alabama are listed below. This summary is based on releases issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Department	County	Program	Federal Grant
Jackson	Clarke	Operations & Safety	\$120,608.00
Rockford	Coosa	Operations & Safety	\$15,875.00
Abanda	Chambers	Operations & Safety	\$14,731.00
Alder Springs	Marshall	Vehicle Acquisition	\$246,525.00
Asbury	Marshall	Vehicle Acquisition	\$176,319.00
Bangur	Blount	Operations & Safety	\$9,950.00
Bankston-Stough	Fayette	Vehicle Acquisition	\$95,855.00
Bobo	Madison	Operations & Safety	\$44,793.00
Boldo	Walker	Vehicle Acquisition	\$166,250.00
Brent	Bibb	Vehicle Acquisition	\$156,750.00
Buttston	Tallapoosa	Operations & Safety	\$33,250.00
Caddo-Midway	Lawrence	Operations & Safety	\$26,716.00
Carbon Hill	Walker	Vehicle Acquisition	\$114,855.00
Center Star	Lauderdale	Vehicle Acquisition	\$118,750.00
Chehaw	Macon	Operations & Safety	\$34,099.00
Cordova	Walker	Vehicle Acquisition	\$171,950.00
Coatopa-Belmont	Sumter	Vehicle Acquisition	\$147,250.00
Coleta Valley	Clay	Vehicle Acquisition	\$177,175.00
Collins Chapel	Chilton	Vehicle Acquisition	\$251,750.00
Dauphin Island	Mobile	Operations & Safety	\$67,973.00
Davis Lake	St. Clair	Operations & Safety	\$20,321.00
Dunnivant	Shelby	Vehicle Acquisition	\$175,750.00
East Franklin	Franklin	Operations & Safety	\$81,026.00
Eclectic	Elmore	Vehicle Acquisition	\$76,000.00
Enterprise	Chilton	Operations & Safety	\$69,844.00
Farmville	Lee	Vehicle Acquisition	\$225,150.00
Fosters Crossroads	Randolph	Operations & Safety	\$77,428.00
Friendship	Elmore	Operations & Safety	\$49,970.00
Friendship	Escambia	Operations & Safety	\$96,026.00
Fr. Mitchell	Russell	Vehicle Acquisition	\$180,025.00
Georgiana	Butler	Vehicle Acquisition	\$180,025.00
Goodwater	Coosa	Vehicle Acquisition	\$186,675.00
Gravel Hill	Franklin	Vehicle Acquisition	\$209,950.00
Hamilton Crossroads	Pike	Vehicle Acquisition	\$118,750.00
Hanover	Coosa	Operations & Safety	\$160,702.00
Hay Valley	Walker	Vehicle Acquisition	\$166,250.00
Heflin	Cleburne	Operations & Safety	\$90,778.00
Hillsboro	Lawrence	Operations & Safety	\$72,960.00
Hollis Crossroads	Cleburne	Operations & Safety	\$48,403.00
Honoraville	Crenshaw	Vehicle Acquisition	\$185,725.00
Jemison	Chilton	Operations & Safety	\$94,622.00
Kilpatrick	DeKalb	Vehicle Acquisition	\$204,250.00
Knoxville	Greene	Operations & Safety	\$34,918.00
Ladonia	Russell	Vehicle Acquisition	\$185,250.00
Liberty	Butler	Vehicle Acquisition	\$209,859.00
Liberty	Pickens	Operations & Safety	\$24,577.00
Limrock-Aspel	Jackson	Operations & Safety	\$23,113.00
Lynn	Winston	Operations & Safety	\$97,850.00
Marble Valley	Coosa	Vehicle Acquisition	\$197,137.00

Department	County	Program	Federal Grant
McKenzie	Butler	Vehicle Acquisition	\$178,600.00
Morrison Crossroads	Randolph	Operations & Safety	\$ 69,841.00
Mt. Hope	Lawrence	Operations & Safety	\$79,510.00
Mt. Olive	Jefferson	Vehicle Acquisition	\$131,100.00
Mt. Weisner	Cherokee	Vehicle Acquisition	\$182,875.00
New Hope	Randolph	Operations & Safety	\$62,636.00
Newell	Randolph	Vehicle Acquisition	\$169,100.00
Newton	Dale	Vehicle Acquisition	\$256,500.00
Notasulga	Macon	Operations & Safety	\$24,776.00
Oakland	Lauderdale	Vehicle Acquisition	\$199,500.00
Orrville	Dallas	Vehicle Acquisition	\$161,500.00
Pigeon Creek	Butler	Vehicle Acquisition	\$146,569.00
Pine Grove	Clay	Vehicle Acquisition	\$178,600.00
Real Island	Elmore	Vehicle Acquisition	\$191,900.00
Reece City	Etowah	Operations & Safety	\$2,974.00
Riverside	St. Clair	Operations & Safety	\$23,750.00
Riverton Rose Trail	Colbert	Operations & Safety	\$52,611.00
Segers	Limestone	Vehicle Acquisition	\$166,250.00
Seven Hills	Mobile	Operations & Safety	\$15,054.00
Standing Rock	Chambers	Vehicle Acquisition	\$184,775.00
Stemley	Talladega	Vehicle Acquisition	\$184,775.00
Stewartville	Coosa	Vehicle Acquisition	\$207,100.00
Tharptown	Franklin	Operations & Safety	\$32,813.00
Twin	Marion	Vehicle Acquisition	\$171,000.00
Uriah	Monroe	Vehicle Acquisition	\$164,766.00
Verbena	Chilton	Operations & Safety	\$38,922.00
Vina	Franklin	Operations & Safety	\$34,575.00
Wadley	Randolph	Vehicle Acquisition	\$185,725.00
Warrior River	Jefferson	Vehicle Acquisition	\$190,950.00
Warriorstand	Macon	Vehicle Acquisition	\$189,430.00
Waterloo	Lauderdale	Vehicle Acquisition	\$137,750.00
Woodville	Jackson	Vehicle Acquisition	\$142,500.00
Yerkwood	Walker	Vehicle Acquisition	\$142,975.00

District 10 - Elmore County

Elmore County Firefighters Pass New Fees

Elmore County's Amendment One, also known as the "Fire Amendment", passed with nearly 54% of the vote. The amendment increased the tax on each residence within Elmore county from \$25 to \$50 and on businesses from \$50 to \$100. The original amendment was passed in 1994. Prior to that, the twenty county fire departments depended on fundraisers. The new fees will help the firefighters offset the cost of new equipment, training and fuel.

Having updated equipment and up-to-date training also allows the fire department to lower their ISO rating. Since the fire fee assessment passed in 1994, all but two departments have lowered their ISO rating and that is a return of money to the people they serve. With new funds coming in, these two departments will also be working to lower their ratings.

All the county departments have plans in the works for improvements to be funded by the new fees.

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter Richard Washington, Jr. (49), Career
Department: Clark County FD, Las Vegas NV
Date of Death: 8/8/06
Cause of Death: Died of apparent heart attack on duty while performing fitness training activity.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Ollie Phil Tate (56), Volunteer
Department: Thaxton VFD, Thaxton MS
Date of Death: 8/8/06
Cause of Death: Died of heart attack while responding to confirmed structure fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Dana MacCrimmon (45), Career
Department: City of Carbondale FD, Carbondale IL
Date of Death: 8/11/06
Cause of Death: Became ill after responding to fire call and passed away the following afternoon.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Denny Hayes (59), Volunteer
Department: McClure Volunteer Fire Co, McClure PA
Date of Death: 8/12/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed and died of cardiac arrest on scene of mutual aid structure fire.

Name/Rank: Lt Paul R. Montavon, Sr. (59), Part-time Paid
Department: Whitewater Township FD, Hooven OH
Date of Death: 8/13/06
Cause of Death: Died of cardiac arrest while attempting to assist crews on scene of vehicle/pedestrian incident.

Name/Rank: Engineer Arnie Wolff (55), Career
Department: Green Bay FD, Green Bay WI
Date of Death: 8/13/06
Cause of Death: Died while advancing hose line as member of two-man team when floor collapsed. Second firefighter was able to find way to safety.

Name/Rank: Pilot Quin R. Stone (42), Wildland Contract
 Firefighter Monica Lee Zajanc (27), Wildland Part-Time
 Firefighter/Lookout Lillian M. Patten (32), Wildland Part-Time
 Firefighter/Asst Helitack Mgr Michael Gene Lewis (37), Wildland Full-Time
Department: US Forest Service, McCall ID
Date of Death: 8/13/06
Cause of Death: Pilot and three Payette National Forest workers on fire suppression duty died when their helicopter crashed en-route to a guard station.

Name/Rank: Div Supervisor Spencer Stanley Koyle (33), Wildland Full-Time
Department: Bureau of Land Management, Fillmore UT
Date of Death: 8/17/06
Cause of Death: Died while fighting "Devil's Den" wildfire in Fishlake National Forest. Details of incident are pending investigation.

Name/Rank: Lt Howard Carpluk (43), Career
 Firefighter Michael Reilly (25), Career
Department: FDNY, Brooklyn NY
Date of Death: 8/27/06
Cause of Death: Died of injuries when floor in commercial structure fire collapsed trapping them in basement.

Name/Rank: Fire Police Officer Wilbur Ritter (78), Volunteer
Department: Sayville FD, Sayville NY
Date of Death: 8/28/06
Cause of Death: Died of apparent heart attack while on duty.

Name/Rank: Asst Chief Errett W. Miller (43), Volunteer
Department: Posey Township Clay Co VFD, Staunton IN
Date of Death: 0/4/06
Cause of Death: Died of injuries sustained when apparatus he was driving en-route to fire overturned, ejecting him. Preliminary reports indicate no seat belt was being worn.

Name/Rank: Battalion Chief Robert Paul Stone (36), Wildland Full-Time
 Pilot George Willett (52), Wildland Full-Time
Department: California Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection, Sacramento CA
Date of Death: 9/6/06
Cause of Death: Died when their OV-10 aircraft crashed as they worked a Wildland fire in remote Tulare County. Cause is under investigation.

Name/Rank: Acting Capt Vincent R. Neglia (45), Career
Department: North Hudson Regional F/R Dept, West New York NJ
Date of Death: 9/9/06
Cause of Death: Died when fire burning in ventilation shaft broke through into area he was searching for victims, trapping him behind a wall of flames on third floor of the apartment building.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John Paul Memory II (19), Volunteer
Department: Carrollton VFD, Carrollton VA
Date of Death: 9/16/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed while performing extrication demonstration and was pronounced dead after being transported to the hospital.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John A. Beyer (38), Volunteer
Department: Wilson Volunteer Fire Company, Wilson NY

Date of Death: 9/22/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed at home after participating in two-hour auto extrication training exercise at station on 9/21/06. He died the following day of full cardiac arrest.

Name/Rank: Lt Ronald Phillip Allen, Jr. (36), Volunteer
Department: Tar Heel FD, Tar Heel NC
Date of Death: 9/22/06
Cause of Death: Killed while marking locations of fire hydrants on road surface when his brush truck was hit from behind and crashed forward on top of him.

Name/Rank: Jr Firefighter Christopher Allen Bodkins (16), Volunteer
Department: Williford VFD, Williford AR
Date of Death: 9/23/06
Cause of Death: POV vehicle in which he was riding was swept away as it attempted to cross a low-water crossing while responding to water rescue incident due to flash flooding. He was unable to escape vehicle and succumbed to injuries at the scene.

Name/Rank: Capt Edward Jenik (53), Career
Department: Highland Heights FD, Highland Heights OH
Date of Death: 9/27/06
Cause of Death: Died from cause still to be determined, suspected heart attack, while operating department apparatus returning to department from lunch. He was discovered slumped over the vehicle when it came to a stop in the middle of the road.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Allan M. Roberts (42), Career
Department: Baltimore City FD, Baltimore MD
Date of Death: 10/10/06
Cause of Death: Died on scene of structural fire when second floor collapsed on top of them, trapping the firefighters. A rapid intervention team was able to rescue the trapped firefighters, and the two other firefighters survived.

Name/Rank: Asst Fire Engine Operator Jason McKay (27), Wildland Full-Time
 Fire Engine Operator Jess McLean (27), Wildland Full-Time
 Capt Mark Loutzenhiser (44), Wildland Full-Time
 Firefighter Daniel Hoover-Najera (20), Wildland Part-Time
Department: USDA Forest Service-San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino CA
Date of Death: 10/26/06
Cause of Death: Died of injuries sustained while attempting to protect home close to Esperanza Wildland fire when they were overcome by very rapid fire progress so that the crew had no time to retreat to their engine or use portable fire shelters. A fifth firefighter is in critical condition from burns over ninety-percent of his body.

Name/Rank: Chaplin/Deputy Chief Dr. Raleigh Eugene England (59), Volunteer
Department: Beaver VFD, Beaver WV
Date of Death: 10/28/06
Cause of Death: Suffered massive CVA shortly after attending department work detail serving as coordinator of the Crisis Response Team on 10/19/06 and passed away several days later.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Pablo Cerda (23), Wildland Part-Time
Department: USDA Forest Service-San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino CA
Date of Death: 10/31/06
Cause of Death: Succumbed to injuries received on 10/26/06 Esperanza Wildland fire when four firefighters in this crew died at scene of arson fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Gregory A. Cloud (33), Volunteer
Department: Kent Volunteer Fire Company, Madison IN
Date of Death: 11/1/06
Cause of Death: Died in rapid fire progress conditions when he became separated from his team because of heavy smoke.

Name/Rank: Capt Joseph S. Pagano (52), Career
Department: Middletown FD, Middletown CT
Date of Death: 11/3/06
Cause of Death: Passed away from apparent heart attack while working at his desk at firehouse.

Name/Rank: Probationary Firefighter Kyle Weisbrich (22), Paid-on-Call
Department: Melrose FD, Melrose MN
Date of Death: 11/12/06
Cause of Death: Died en-route to station to respond to vehicle accident when he was unable to stop at intersection where he lacked the right-of-way and struck another vehicle. Excessive speed was reported to be a contributing factor in incident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert Gerald Whittaker (55), Volunteer
Department: Marshallberg VFD, Marshallberg NC
Date of Death: 11/14/06
Cause of Death: Died of heart attack while driving fire apparatus to mutual aid call. Apparatus was heavily damaged when it left the road, striking a tree. No crew members were injured.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/EMT Michael Timothy Browne (24), Volunteer
Department: Acme-Delco-Riegelwood F/R, Riegelwood NC
Date of Death: 11/16/06
Cause of Death: Died when he was severely injured while responding to emergency medical call during severe weather incident when area was hit by tornado.

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THE BELL TOLLED

GENE THOMPSON, RETIRED FIREFIGHTER OF CLIO VFD, BARBOUR COUNTY, PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 13, 2006. A MEMBER FOR OVER 20 YEARS, HE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT CLIO VFD AS R18, OPERATING A WRECKER SERVICE.

RAYMOND PRESSEL, GRANT VFD, MARSHALL COUNTY, PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 12, 2006.

CHIEF GERALD HERMAN MORGAN, LOVETOWN VFD, HOUSTON COUNTY, PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 28, 2006. AS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT, THE HOUSTON COUNTY HONOR GUARD WAS POSTED DURING THE VISITATION AND FUNERAL SERVICE IN TRIBUTE TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS HE MADE THROUGHOUT HIS YEARS OF SERVICE.

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25th ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL

Thousands of Fire Fighters, their families and friends gathered at the 25th Annual National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial on October 8, 2006 to celebrate the life of 100 of America's Fire Fighters who died in the line of duty in 2005 and 7 from past years.

Several hundred red-helmeted Fire Fighter motorcyclists arrived at the Memorial Saturday noon to pay tribute their fallen comrades. A Candle Light Service was held Saturday evening and the public Memorial Service was held Sunday at the Fire Academy Campus in Emmitsburg MD.

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To lay down your life for others...you're called a hero.
To be all of the above...you're called a fire fighter.

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