



THE VOLUNTEER



The Official Newsletter of the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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2006 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, 2006, in Bessemer, Alabama and will be hosted by the District II Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The registration headquarters will be at the Bessemer Civic Center.

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for the Conference will be \$20.00 per person and increases to \$30.00 after July 1st and when you register at the Conference. Included in this fee are the Friday night cookout meal and the Saturday night banquet. (Pre-registration form included in this newsletter.) You must have your registration nametag to eat at the cookout on Friday night and at the banquet on Saturday night.

ELECTIONS

At the annual business meeting on Saturday, elections will be held to fill the officer and board member positions.

Officers: The nominating committee made the following recommendations:

For the Office of:

President.....	Johnny Alberson (I)
Vice President	
Southern Area	William Neal (I)
Central Area.....	Steve Dennis (I)
Northern Area	Lawrence Huffman (I)
Secretary	Mary Jane Sells (I)
Treasurer	Gary Cobb (I)

Floor nominations at the annual meeting may join these. Per AAVFD By-Laws, all candidates, except those presented by the nominating committee, must be nominated from the floor and must be present at the annual business meeting. All six officers are elected by majority vote of the members in attendance and those members represented by proxy.

BOARD MEMBERS

Each District (1 through 10) will elect two individuals to represent their district on the Board of Directors for the coming year. AAVFD By-Laws require that those two individuals shall not be from the same member department and, in so far as possible, shall come from different geographical areas within the district. Directors and Alternate Directors shall be elected by a committee consisting of one individual from each dues-paid general member department from within the district (ONE VOTE PER DEPARTMENT PRESENT) at the general meeting.

NOTE:

The AAVFD office mailed proxy ballots on June 15, 2006. Please contact the office immediately if the county president does not receive the ballot for your county within a reasonable length of time.

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for Conference Schedule,
Conference Summary, Conference Speaker,
and other Information.

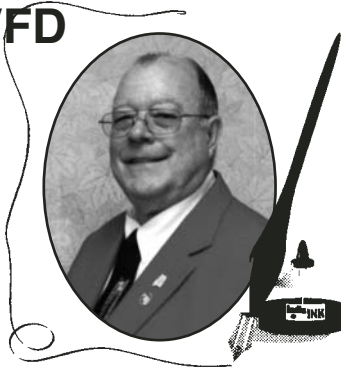
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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Alberson



I would like to take this opportunity to say something about the 2006 Legislative Session. I feel that this was one of the most successful sessions that we have had in several years. I say a heartfelt "Thank you" to all the people who helped with the passage of these bills, especially Johnny Dennis and Chauncey Wood. These men spent more time in the State House than some of our legislators. The days when several of our volunteers were present also meant a lot to me, and I could tell that the legislators appreciated it, also.

As you can see below, there were several bills that affected the volunteer firefighters, and there were no negative votes cast in neither the House nor the Senate. If you see your Representative or Senator make a special effort to say "Thank You" for their support of volunteer firefighters.

Someone has said "Volunteers are like Dial Soap - They care more, don't you wish everyone did?" and also "Volunteers are like Hallmark Cards - They care enough to give the very best."

Again let me say "Thank You" to everyone who has helped to make "OUR" association successful in so many ways.

"Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes - They're grrrrreeeeaaaattttt!!!!!"

Bills Passed for Firefighters



During a ceremony on April 18th, Governor Bob Riley signed an eight-bill package that will provide new protections and benefits for Alabama's firefighters. (HB452/SB091 had been signed previously.) As a former volunteer firefighter for 16 years, he stated "Our firefighters deserve this. We needed to do this."

Representative Richard Laird (left) steered the bills through the House and Senator Tom Butler (right) handled the firefighter bills in the Senate.

2006 VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE LEGISLATION



HB209 - Rep. Allen Layson
SB224 - Sen. Ted Little



TAG BILL - Any member of a volunteer fire department may obtain a fire department tag by presenting to the probate judge or license commissioner a form prescribed by the Alabama Forestry Commission and signed by the chief officer of their department.



HB247 - Rep. Sue Schmitz
SB221 - Sen. Ted Little



OBSTRUCTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS - Authorizes volunteer firefighters to have the same powers as paid firemen in

detrerring interference or hindrance in fire control or firefighting activities.



HB323 - Rep. Oliver Robinson



SB200 - Sen. Jabo Waggoner

TAX EXEMPTION FOR DEATH BENEFITS - Exempts payments received from a death in the line of duty from state income tax.



HB408 - Rep. Lynn Greer
SB282 - Sen. Gerald Dial
INSURANCE PROTECTION - Prevents insurance carriers of volunteer firefighters from considering any accident that happens in a department-owned vehicle when quoting rates for personal vehicles.



HB409 - Rep. Terry Spicer
SB287 - Sen. Phil Poole



HEART ATTACK AND STROKE BILL - Extends the benefit eligibility time for a firefighter who has a stroke or heart attack while answering a call to 24-hours after the call if determined to be related to the call.



HB413 - Rep. Jeff McLaughlin

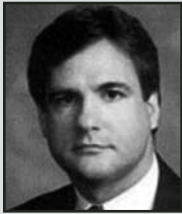


SB294 - Sen. Tom Butler
ARSON TO MURDER - The charge is automatically raised to murder if anyone is killed in a fire that the origin is determined to be arson.



HB437 - Rep. Frank McDaniel
SB290 - Sen. Pat Lindsey
EMPLOYEE TERMINATION - A volunteer firefighter may not be terminated from his/her employment

for being late for work if he/she has been on a call that is not completed making him/her late for work. However, the time may be deducted from their wages.



HB447 - Rep. Spencer Collier
SB395 - Sen. Phil Poole
INCREASES COMPENSATION OF DEATH AND TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS - Increases state

compensation from \$50,000 to \$100,000.



HB452 - Rep. Terry Spicer
SB091 - Sen. Tom Butler
WATER SYSTEM AUTHORITY - Authorizes county water systems to solicit their customers for voluntary contributions for

volunteer fire departments, but also requires volunteer fire departments to provide monthly estimates of water used to the water system authority providing the water.

DID NOT PASS - DIED IN COMMITTEE

HB572 - No Senate Companion Bill

ANNEXATION - A volunteer fire department that has a satellite station within 5 miles may annex that satellite's property into the municipality. A municipality may not annex property surrounding an annexed fire department into its corporate limits nor extend its police jurisdiction beyond the property of the annexed volunteer fire department.



AAVFD Legislative Committee:

Past President Johnny Dennis, President Johnny Alberson and District Six Director Chauncey Wood

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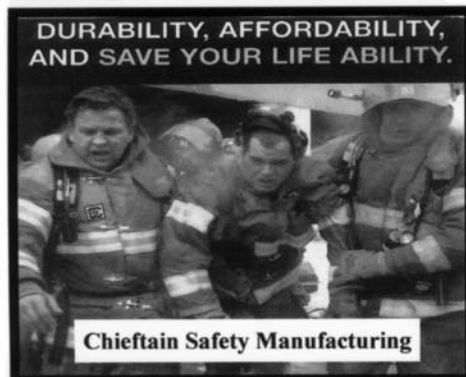
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AAVFD Annual Conference



*Awards Banquet Speaker Colonel Jim Walker, Director
Alabama Homeland Security*

District II will host the 29th annual Conference in Bessemer on August 4-5, 2006.

This annual event will feature a number of important topics, including homeland security and emergency response, public perception of the fire service and information concerning legislation affecting the volunteer fire service will be highlighted. The Association also will conduct its annual business meeting.

The Competition Committee Chairman Joey Boyd has announced the competition events. They are: Air Pack Relay, Hose Lay II and Water on the Roof. Joey and his wife, Sandy, always provide a well-run competition and loads of fun for the participants and spectators.

The Awards Banquet speaker is Colonel Jim Walker from the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. Also on Saturday night, the Firefighter of the Year and Sherry Garner Awards will be presented, and the competition team winners will receive cash prizes, along with their trophies.

The Conference Committee has been working hard to make this conference one of the best for you, the volunteer. We encourage each of you to make your registration by July 1st, the early registration deadline, for a savings of \$10.00 per attendee. By registering early you also give the conference committee an idea on attendance for scheduling food events. The rooms blocked off at the hotels are also good only until July 1st. After this date you will have to pay normal rates. Remember rooms are limited in this area because of the summer months and Alabama Adventure Park (formerly VisionLand).

Come, join all the fun!

Late Breaking News!!!



Conference Host District II Association has confirmed the Friday night cookout will be at Alabama Adventure (formerly named VisionLand). All registered attendees are in for a treat. Each registered attendee will get a park pass that will be good after 3:00 pm that Friday evening. The park includes the Magic Adventure Theme Park and Splash Beach Water Park. The Friday night cookout will be held at the pavilions inside the park. The cookout will include all you can eat buffet-style hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, a side item desert, and unlimited soft drink service.

In addition, the Park will offer a bounce back ticket good for those attending the Park on Friday to return on Saturday for a cost of \$9 plus tax (a \$29.95 value). These tickets will only be offered to registered Conference attendees and must be purchased at the Park on Friday afternoon/evening at the Alabama Adventure Guest Relations. You also will be able to park without paying the parking fee.

On Saturday night, you will be in for a treat after the banquet. Elvis Presley (impersonator Robert Glass) will entertain at the Civic Center from 9:30 pm until midnight.

So folks, quit waiting and get registered for the Conference!

2006 AAVFD CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2006

9:00 am - 5:00 pmRegistration - Bessemer Civic Center
8:00 am - 12:00 Noon.....Vendor Setup - Bessemer Civic Center
12:00 Noon - 5:00 pmVendor Hall Open - Bessemer Civic Center
12:00 Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on Your Own
1:00 pm - 2:00 pmSeminar - Bruce Freeman on Past Hurricanes
3:30 pm- 5:00 pmDirectors' Meeting - Bessemer Civic Center
6:00 pm until.....Cookout (Bring your name tag.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006

7:00 am - 8:00 am.....Competition Registration -
Bessemer Civic Center
8:00 am - 8:30 am.....Competition Captain Meeting -
Bessemer Civic Center
8:00 am- 12:00 NoonVendor Hall Open - Bessemer Civic Center
8:30 am - 12:00 Noon.....Competitions - Bessemer Civic Center
9:00 am- 11:00 amChildren's Time - Bessemer Civic Center
12:00 Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on Your Own
2:00 pm - 4:00 pmAAVFD Business Meeting -
Bessemer Civic Center
7:00 pm - 9:00 pmAwards Banquet - Bessemer Civic Center
Guest Speaker Jim Walker
Director of Alabama Homeland Security
9:30 pm - Midnight.....Social Time - Bessemer Civic Center

2006 Annual Competition

Joey Boyd, Competition Chairman



Well folks, time is growing short; competition will be here before you know it. If you haven't started you are running behind, because I'm sure there are teams out there who have been practicing for some time. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of new teams this year, and of course, I'm hoping to see a lot of the old teams. But something tells me, "Some of the new teams you better watch out for. They may just come in here, and take it all. Don't think just because they are new at this that they won't give you a run for the money. All teams were new at sometime and look where they are now!"

There will be plenty of water around the competition site, so you better watch out for the tub. It seems there are growing numbers that end up in the tub, even when you hear, "I'd Rather Not" or "Please Not Me". If you haven't heard what the events are, I'll let you in on what will be run. We'll start off with the Air Pack Relay, then move to Hose Lay II, and last, the good ole Water on the Roof. I will tell you all events will be run on a hard surface. The Competition site will be at the Bessemer Civic Center, along with everything else, so everyone should be able to attend the Competition.

I look forward to seeing everyone there and good luck to all the teams.

HURRICANE RECOVERY GRANTS

Lou Hyman, Assistant Fire Division Director



After Hurricane Ivan, the Alabama Forestry Commission was given a Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant from the USDA Forest Service, to help volunteer fire departments impacted by the storm. The grant had a few restrictions: it had to go to a volunteer fire department with a district with less than 10,000 population, to be used for new Wildland fire fighting equipment and Wildland fire prevention, with a maximum grant of \$5,000. Specifically, the funds could not be used for buildings, mortgages, normal repairs and maintenance, or structural fire equipment.

The first round grant announcement went to all volunteer fire departments in the 19 county Hurricane Ivan impact area in October of 2005, with a response date of December 16, 2005. The AFC received back only 49 responses. Talking with departments, it was found that the initial matching fund requirement of 50% total project cost was too high. After negotiating with the Forest Service, a new match rate of 20% was implemented for this program.

The 49 departments received a total of \$196,116 in grants.

The most common items purchased through this grant were brush trucks, slip-on pump units, chainsaws, wildland fire personal protective equipment, wildland fire tools and hoses.

In fairness to the other departments who did not apply for a grant because of the high initial matching requirement, a second round grant invitation was sent to the 300 VFDs in the Hurricane Impact Area in February, 2006 with a due date of April 14, 2006. This new grant used the matching 20% matching rate and attracted 116 applications. The \$464,910 in grant funds issued is being used by the VFDs to purchase basically the same things as in the Round 1 grant proposals.

To date the AFC has committed \$661,026 in grants to the VFDs in the Hurricane Impact Area. There is still about \$600,000 in available funds in the account.

The AFC has mailed a third round of grant invitations. This round will focus on Wildland fire and hurricane preparedness and will be open to all VFDs statewide. The basic rules for the grant will stay the same, along with the 20% match and maximum grant of \$5,000. A priority system has been put into place. Top priority will go to smaller departments, who did not receive an earlier grant, to purchase Wildland tools, PPE, and brush trucks. The response deadline is July 16, 2006.

Please share this information with all departments in your area.

Wildland Fire Prevention Grant

Summer fire hazards are again very high. According to the United States Forest Service (USFA) and the National Interagency Fire Center, once again the more than 190 million acres of Federal forests and rangeland in the United States, an area twice the size of California, face high risk of catastrophic fire this summer.

Years of natural fuels build-up, coupled with drought conditions, insect infestation and disease make forests and rangelands in many areas throughout the country vulnerable to intense and environmentally destructive fires.

The 2002 fire season saw 88,458 fires burn 7.2 million acres, an area larger than the states of Maryland and Rhode Island combined. Three states – Oregon, Colorado and Arizona – registered their worst fires in history in 2002.

At the conclusion of the 2003 fire season, 85,943 fires had burned a total of 4.9 million acres, which is just slightly above the 10-year average of 4.6 million acres burned.

When the 2004 season was over, the final number of acres burned was well above the 10-year average, but one state accounted for about 85 to 90 percent of the final total. Of the 6.8 million acres burned, more than six million acres were from Alaska. And in 2005, 66,753 fires burned more than 8.6 million acres!

High fire activity is also common in Alabama. Within this hazardous environment, there are homes, subdivisions and entire communities. Our ability to live more safely in the environment depends on "pre-fire" activities. To aid in this goal of fire prevention, AAVFD, in co-operation with the Alabama Forestry Commission, offers a Wildland Fire Prevention grant to volunteer fire departments. A total of 33 applications have been received, and the committee will be meeting to study these applications soon. The departments awarded a grant will be announced in the next newsletter.

Remember: You have a better chance of saving lives and property from wildfire by being proactive before a wildfire occurs.

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Recruitment Vs. Retention

"Should we patch the leaking bucket or open the spigot?"

Let's look at some reasons for the leaking bucket.

Leadership:

1. Leadership creates positive experiences.
2. Leadership creates negative experiences.
3. Leaders fail to do anything.

Economic Issues:

1. People have to work two or three jobs.
2. Unable to attend due to work.
3. Cost of Living.

Interpersonal Issues:

1. Disputes between members.
2. Disputes between members and leaders.

Personal Issues:

1. The fire service is not what they thought it would be.
2. Some tried it because they thought they might like it and did not.
3. Some were people who thought it was going to be one thing and it was different from what they thought.
4. Some left because it was too much work.

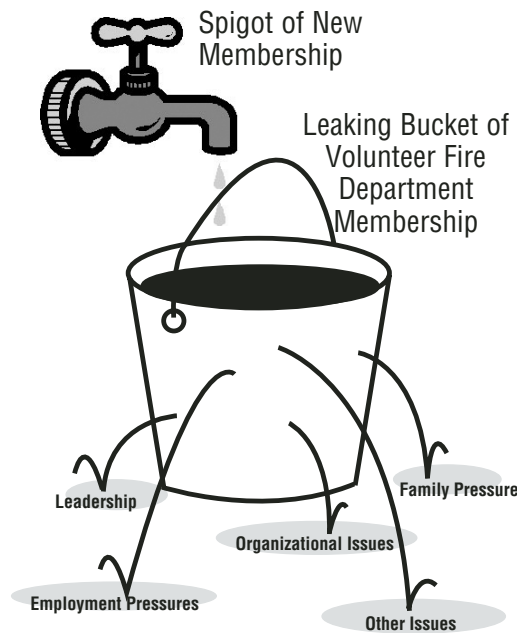
Organizational Issues:

1. Small groups of people seize control of an organization and begin to drive it in a personally selfish direction
2. Fire department frequently changes fire chief.
3. Operational guide lines change at the whim of newly-elected chief.

Let's examine some recommendations to help to "Stop the Leaks".

Organizational Issues:

1. Create an organization that is built on sound business practices with a Board of Directors elected by the membership of the District. This Board appoints fire chief and approves all promotions and demotions. This Board should not have any active firefighters or EMT's on it. The Fire Chief runs the Fire & EMS operation. This Board holds the Fire Chief responsible for the morale and performance of firefighters.
2. Each department should use standard operational procedures or general operating guidelines to reduce ambiguity.



3. Organizations should consider lengthening the terms of their leaders.

Personal Issues:

1. Set up a mentoring system where veteran members are paired with new members.
2. Set up screening system to ensure that people are fit for firefighting duties before being accepted.
3. Set up a graduated system of member classification so that every member will be qualified to play a meaningful role in the department.

Interpersonal Issues:

1. Conflict between individuals is accepted in our society. An appropriate counseling program should be developed and used.
2. Training in conflict resolution should be a regular part of fire department training.

Economic Issues:

1. Set up an employment opportunities network within the department, formally or informally.
2. Set up relationship with local bank for low interest loan for fire department members.
3. Help locate affordable housing for fire department members.

Leadership Issues:

1. Set up program of leadership training for individual seeking a leadership role in fire department.
2. Set up educational requirements for all to move up into leadership roles.
3. Member should be required to have completed all of the mandated leadership training prior to being appointed to office.
4. Continuing educational requirements should be created for those who are in positions of leadership.
5. Set up mentorship programs that allow each officer candidate be assigned to an experienced veteran officer.
6. Recommended mentorship program should continue throughout the time of service in their role of leadership.

This information was compiled from several studies being done on the fall of the volunteer fire service in America. Some of the recommendations make us uneasy because we have to come out of our comfort zone and have to change our way of doing business.

I hope that at least some of the recommendations will be helpful and will help save some fire department.



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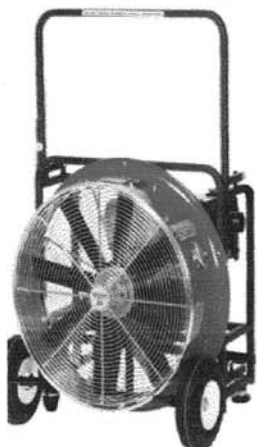
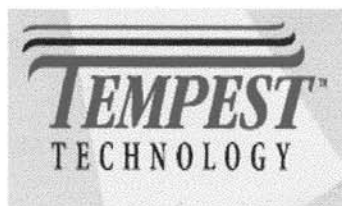
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CHEROKEE		1 of 13
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ETOWAH	100%	23 of 23
JACKSON	100%	21 of 21
MADISON	100%	17 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	12 of 12
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	18 of 18
TALLADEGA		3 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

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%	15 of 15

DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON		21 of 31
SHELBY		9 of 22
ST CLAIR		0 of 22
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	10 of 10
CHILTON	100%	15 of 15
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
MARENGO	100%	11 of 11
PERRY	100%	11 of 11
WILCOX	100%	9 of 9

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN		15 of 33
CHOCTAW	100%	14 of 14
CLARKE	100%	13 of 13
MOBILE	100%	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	100%	19 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

COLBERT	100%	13 of 13
FRANKLIN	100%	12 of 12
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 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE		1 of 13
GREENE		12 of 13
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 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 10 MEMBERSHIP

BULLOCK	100%	7 of 7
ELMORE	100%	20 of 20
LEE	100%	7 of 7
LOWNDES		2 of 8
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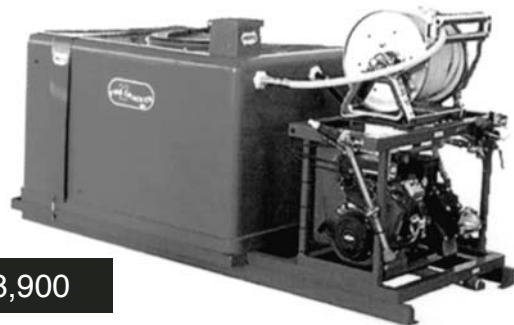
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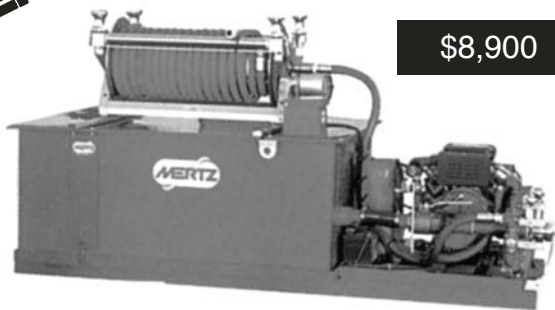
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Proxy Votes

AAVFD Secretary Mary Sells will accept proxy votes at the Conference on Friday, August 4th from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm. On Saturday August 5th, proxy votes will be accepted from 10:00 am until 1:30 pm. Location will be announced.

According to AAVFD By-Laws, all proxy votes shall be called for three times by the presiding officer as the first agenda item following the opening ceremonies of the general meeting. All proxy votes must be turned in to the Secretary before the third and final call for proxy votes. Once the third and final call is given and the presiding officer has officially declared the proxy votes closed, proxy votes cannot be accepted from anyone for any reason.

All proxy holders who will be casting proxy votes at the annual business meeting are reminded that no proxy vote will be honored for a department having one or more members at the meeting. Although a proxy ballot containing a list of all county departments is sent to each county president, a department is not required to give its county president, or anyone, the authority to cast its department's vote. If one person is present at the meeting that person shall vote their department's one vote; whether that person votes or not, the proxy holder shall not be entitled to vote for that department.

In order for the annual meeting to progress in a timely manner, it will be very helpful for the representative from all departments voting to come by and register with the Secretary during the hours set aside to accept proxy votes. However, any person voting for their own department is entitled to a ballot up until the final call for proxy votes has been made.

Ready Kids



In February, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and The Advertising Council launched Ready Kids, a family-friendly tool to help parents and teachers educate children, ages 8-12, about emergencies and how they can help their families better prepare. Ready Kids is the newest addition to the successful Ready campaign, a national public service advertising campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

The Ready Kids website at www.ready.gov features fun games and puzzles as well as age-appropriate, step-by-step instructions on what families can do to better prepare for emergencies and the role kids can play in that effort. In addition to the interactive games for children, the website also has resources for parents and teachers on emergency preparedness and response.

National Benefit Summit

Johnny Dennis

On May 1, 2006, the 6th Annual National Fire Service Benefit Summit was held in Atlanta, Georgia. The first National Fire Service Benefit Summit was hosted by the North Carolina Firemen Association in 2000; that meeting was held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The sole purpose of the Summit is to share the respective participants' state benefits/programs regarding fire service to improve all state programs for volunteer firefighters.

Four new states attended the Summit this year: they were Indiana, New Mexico, Missouri and Nevada. Like Alabama, each of these states provides various benefits, most of which are for firefighters' families regarding death in the line of duty. Many other states, such as Georgia, provide retirement plans, affordable health plans, and low cost auto insurance for their firefighters. However, some states, such as Alabama and Nevada, do not provide a state pension plan and have few benefits for volunteer firefighters and/or family members.

Pension plans were just one area reviewed during the Summit. Additional areas for future consideration include: Low cost health insurance, home and automotive insurance, free college tuition to firefighters, family members eye and dental care, and tax credit for volunteers. There is one benefit that most of us would never dream of, that is your own Fire Fighters Credit Union. The Firefighters Association - State of New York

(FASNY) developed their Credit Union in June 2003, and today has a membership of 1400 members. South Carolina is in the process of developing a Credit Union for their Fire Service.

During the 2006 Summit, a "Task Force" was appointed to draft guide-lines for future meetings and develop a template to catalog all data collected from each state. The Task Force consists of the following: Chairman - Paul Miller, North Carolina, Vice Chairman - Ed Carpenter, New York, Georgia Ann Smith, Georgia, Johnny Dennis, Alabama, Jim Egr, Attorney for Nebraska Fire Service, Joe Maruca, Attorney for Massachusetts Volunteer Fire Service, Carl Christensen, New Jersey, Sandy Waybrant, Pennsylvania, Eric Bernard, Maryland, Steve Silvius, California, Dave Ganfield, Minnesota, and representatives from Provident Agency and Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Service.

The template will include local, county or state pension plans, health insurance provided by states or associations, tax credit for volunteers, college tuition for firefighters and family members, death benefits in addition to PSOB (Public Safety Officers' Benefits) or local plans, and national retirement or LOSAP (Length of Service Award Plan.) These and future legislation for benefits, recruiting and retention will be included in each state's presentation.

Meet Your 2006 AAVFD Nominated Candidates



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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

Alabama Port VFD, Mobile County, takes this opportunity to thank the Community Fire Company # 1 of Schnecksville and also Laurys Station Fire Company # 1 of Laurys Station for their generous donation to the fire department and community after Hurricane Katrina. Community Fire Company # 1 of Schnecksville donated a 1976 Chevrolet Rescue truck and Laurys Station Fire Company # 1 donated a 1972 Ford/John Bean pumper to the department. Chief Patrick Burns stated, "The firefighters and people of Alabama Port want to say "THANK YOU". Your generosity went far beyond the call of duty, and we'll never forget what you did."

Congratulations to Cane Creek VFD, Jefferson County, for achieving a 4/9 from a prior 9/9 rating, effective December 1, 2005.

Congratulations to firefighters recognized by Fulton VFD, Clarke County: Firefighter of the Year Danny Ray Pugh, Most Improved Steven Thomas, and the Behind the Scene Award was given to Randy Luker and Gerry Crosby. Jr. Firefighter Dannon Bedwell was promoted to full-time firefighter.

Celebrate America's Hometown Heroes during EMS Week May 14-20.

Pine Hill VFD, Wilcox County, hosted a Disaster Preparedness (Hurricane) Workshop on May 19th. This workshop covered many of the details involved with disaster preparedness with a main focus on Hurricanes.

On January 21st Henry and Houston Counties staged a full scale exercise that involved teams that have been funded through the Alabama Department of Homeland



Security. These teams were comprised of members of the Dothan Fire Dept. HazMat, Heavy Rescue, Emergency Medical Services; the Dothan Police Dept. and the Houston County Sheriff's Office Bomb Detail Unit which are combined. Participants from Henry County included, the Light Urban Rescue Team comprised of members from Headland Fire & Rescue and the Screamer Vol. Fire Dept.; the countywide S.T.A.R.T unit comprised of members from the Abbeville and Headland Police Depts.; and the Covington County Medium Rescue Team.

South Honor Guard members Daniel Day, Mary Sells and Sue Starr presented the colors at Escambia County Association of Volunteer Fire Fighters banquet on May 20th. Congratulations are extended to firefighters who were honored: A C Cook Memorial Award, Jimmy Booker, Huxford VFD; Career Fire Fighter of the Year Mike Respress, Atmore FD; EMS Person of the Year Jason Newby, Brewton FD; Female Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Shelia Odom, Nokomis VFD; and Male Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Chris McGhee, Nokomis VFD.



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Limestone County Volunteer Firefighters Honored

The Limestone County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments honored some of its outstanding members February 10, 2006 at its annual awards banquet at the Beasley Center in Athens.

The night included dinner and entertainment from the local musical group "The Flashbacks". The Association President Derrick Gatlin, with the assistance of Vice President Marvin Putman and Secretary/Treasurer Paige Crouch, distributed awards. The evening concluded with door prizes, including a Kenwood radio that was won by Piney Chapel VFD.

Congratulations to Limestone County Volunteer Fire Department of the Year, Owens VFD; Male Firefighter of the Year; Charles Snider, Owens VFD; Training Officer of the Year, Jason Brackeen, Pleasant Grove VFD; Sara Hurd Memorial Award, Angie Rose, Pleasant Grove VFD; Female Firefighter of the Year, Sherie Swanner, Owens VFD; and 30-year Lifetime Award, the late Milburn Reece. The award was accepted by his wife.



Left to right: Chief Timothy Toone, Owens VFD, Jason Brackeen, Pleasant Grove VFD and Mrs. Milburn Reece. Standing: Angie Rose, Pleasant Grove VFD and Sherie Swanner, Owens VFD.

Owens Volunteer Fire Department *Limestone County Fire Department of the Year*

The Owens VFD would like to send their thoughts and prayers to the families of Dusty Jones and Lloyd McCulloch and to the Moulton VFD.

(Pictured Owens VFD) Owens VFD - Limestone County Fire Department of the Year. Members include: (Seated Left to Right) Chief Timothy Toone, Ron Roberson, Teresa Lovell, Sherie Swanner, Kim Bush, Laura Blakely, Holly Roberson, Donna Wallace, Greg Farley. (Standing) Kevin Mulack, Selena Blakely, Kristie Toone, Gene Foust, Leon Dean, Dennis Blakely, Royce Evans, Roger Swanner, Edd Jernigan, William Brooks, Gene Wallace, Esther Jernigan and Gloria Evans.



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Clio VFD Welcomes Home Engine 38

The 25 member all-volunteer Clio Fire Department is proud to bring back into service its freshly painted Engine 38. The aluminum-bodied pumper was acquired in 2004 from Calumet City, Illinois Fire Department for the sum of \$8,500 dollars.

"After it was retired as a front line apparatus in accordance with the city vehicle replacement policy, it took a little while to save enough funds to get this truck painted and outfitted with the needed equipment, but we feel like we have spent our money wisely and have a dependable, well-equipped pumper that will help us serve the people of this community, whenever the need arises," said Chief David Grice. Chief Grice added, "I would also like to personally thank Inspector Chauncey Wood for setting up the painting of the truck, which was done by Roy Phillips of Mark Dunning Industries, and Mr. Mark Dunning for allowing us to use his business facilities to have the work done. Finding a paint booth for a 32-ft. fire truck was not an easy task."

Engine 38 has a 750-gallon poly tank, a Hale 1250 GPM pump, and is powered by a Detroit 6v92 Turbo Diesel. It has an onboard 6 KW generator, foam capabilities, and a full compliment of Hurst extraction tools. Inspector Wood added that



he feels that this apparatus will help in the department's quest to lower its ISO rating which currently stands at 6/9. Engine 38 is one of three pumpers in service with the Clio VFD and its homecoming also enabled the department to loan its 1974 Ford Pumper to neighboring Elamville Volunteer Fire Department, which only had one engine in service.

AAVFD Works With AARS



Class members enjoy supper at end of Extrication Classes

Clio VFD and Elamville VFD in Barbour County joined with Arifton VFD and Skipperville VFD in Dale County to hold a two-day Extrication Class on April 21st and 22nd at Fort Wilson in Arifton. Alabama Association of Rescue Squads Extrication Instructor Jason Heard conducted the classes, which concluded on Saturday night with a supper for the firefighters who completed the course and their spouses.



Left to right: Clio Asst Chief Richard Johnson, Elamville Chief Neal Sutton, AARS Extrication Instructor Jason Heard, Arifton Rescue Squad Captain Ronnie Danner, and Arifton Chief Aubrey Peters.

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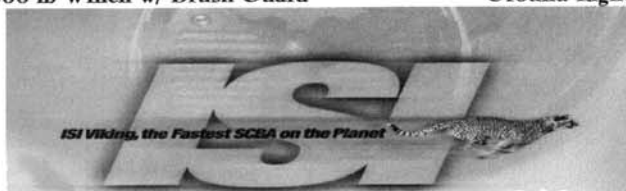
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After sedating the moose, Leominster Fire Department cut the roof off of the vehicle to free the moose. The process took approximately 10 minutes, and a local auto body shop tow truck lifted the moose out of the car.

Unfortunately, due to his extensive internal injuries, the moose had to be put down. The driver suffered only minor cuts and bruises.



The vehicle struck the moose as it was crossing the road, forcing its body backward through the windshield of the car.

A local auto body company supplied a tow truck with an articulating boom to lift the moose out of the car.



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On the Lighter Side...

Whale Talk

A Marine biologist was telling his friends about some of his most recent research findings.

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"I'm not absolutely sure," the expert said, "but it sounds something like 'Can you hear me now?'"

Dog Trouble

At the end of the day, Phillip parked his police van in front of the station house. His K-9 partner, Jake, was in the back barking, which caught the attention of a boy who was passing by.

"Is that a dog you have back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," Phillip replied.

"What did he do?"

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVE GRANTS

Rebecca Beasley, *The Clayton Record*

March 24th was a big day for volunteer fire departments in Barbour County when checks were presented for the construction of two fire stations.

Congressman Terry Everett, Second Congressional District, and Steve Pelham, State USDA Rural Development director, attended ceremonies in Louisville and Green's Crossroads to help turn the first dirt for the construction of their new stations.

The Town of Louisville received a \$192,000 loan and a \$100,000 grant from USDA Rural Development and Green's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department is the recipient of a \$22,375 loan and a \$67,125 grant.

Louisville will use its funds to build a three-bay fire station on property adjacent to city hall. The property, donated to the town by the Whigham Family, became available after Pro Hardware's building was destroyed by fire in 2002. Louisville Mayor Jimmy Grant expressed appreciation to the volunteers who respond in emergency situations, to the Whigham Family for the property, Congressman Everett and USDA officials.

The town currently is using an outdated building to house its fire truck and ambulance. The new facility will include amenities and more space than has been available for many years for the volunteer squad.

Green's Crossroads started with nothing but visions to start a volunteer fire department in the rural Barbour County community that began in 2000. Six years later, the community has pulled together to raise funds for matching grants to build a fire station, purchase firefighting vehicles and equipment, and now will expand their service area with a new satellite fire station. The last round of grant funds will enable them to purchase a



service truck and build a new facility in the Mt Zion Community, located off Hwy 130 east of Louisville on Co Rd 9.

Great strides have been made since the groups of citizens embarked on the idea of improving fire protection for the area's 206 residents. They have held bake sales, sold smoked Boston butts as well as reflective address markers and other fundraising events to raise money for matching grant funds.

In November 2001, they received a \$91,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs that required \$13,000 in matching funds. They built a fire station, purchased their first truck, pump, radios, turn-out gear, fire hoses and nozzles.

With a \$42,000 grant from the U.S. Fire Administration and FEMA, they purchased eight self-contained breathing apparatus and other equipment. Other grants include \$84,600 from Homeland Security with which they purchased a refurbished truck and a \$116,860 ADECA grant to install 38 fire hydrants in the area.

Fire Chief Mike Stell attributes the accomplishments of Green's Crossroads Fire Department on the unified community effort. "They have all come together to make it all possible. Without the support from people in the community, we would not have been able to do it," he said.

Congressman Everett and USDA officials presented checks totaling \$1,933,970 during the ceremonies held in southeast Alabama.



Career Day

Slocomb firefighter and paramedic Cary Yeoman shows students at Slocomb Elementary School the equipment he uses when putting out fires. Yeoman said he wanted to stress fire safety, and show the kids that their job is fun but also dangerous.



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Cause of Death: Died of Stroke after completing 24-hour shift that included at least one response call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Amy L. Schnearle-Pennywitt (34), Career
Department: City of Ann Arbor FD, Ann Arbor MI
Date of Death: 1/13/06
Cause of Death: Died when struck by out-of-control vehicle on vehicle accident scene.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Jason Allen Johnson (28), Volunteer
Department: Butler Co Fire District # 3, Rose Hill KS
Date of Death: 1/14/06
Cause of Death: Pronounced dead from a cause to be determined after returning from response to grass/brush fire and becoming unresponsive while traveling in POV.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Roger W. Armstrong (42), Volunteer
Department: Atlanta FD, Atlanta IL
Date of Death: 1/20/06
Cause of Death: Began to experience discomfort/pain during structure fire and died in ambulance en-route to hospital.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John "Bobby" Westervelt (57), Volunteer
Department: Spring Valley FD, Spring Valley NY
Date of Death: 1/22/06
Cause of Death: Died of cardiac arrest in firehouse shortly after responding to alarm in senior complex.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Tracy Champion (49), Career
Department: Philadelphia FD, Philadelphia PA
Date of Death: 1/28/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed from heart attack on scene during overhaul operations after bringing a house fire under control in 29 minutes. He was treated on scene and pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Gary Wayne Kistler, Sr. (65), Career
Department: Saucier FD, Saucier MS
Date of Death: 2/5/06
Cause of Death: Died from complications related to an infection after suffering a cut to his finger while working vehicle extrication at motor vehicle accident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Edward Marbet (31), Volunteer
Department: Twp. Fire Dept, Independent Fire Co # 1, Burlington Twp., NJ
Date of Death: 2/9/06
Cause of Death: Succumbed to heat and smoke conditions after rescuing his father and fiancée from inside his own burning residence.

Name/Rank: Captain Lloyd S. McCulloch (64), Volunteer; Firefighter Dustin Jones (23), Volunteer
Department: Moulton FD, Moulton AL
Date of Death: 2/21/06
Cause of Death: Died while working commercial structure fire when wall unexpectedly collapsed, trapping McCulloch and Jones and one other firefighter. The third firefighter was removed from the debris alive.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Donald Herbert (44), Career
Department: Buffalo FD, Buffalo NY
Date of Death: 2/21/06
Cause of Death: While operating fire attack in attic at working residential structure fire in 1995, portion of roof collapsed trapping him for period of time. As a result of injuries sustained and lack of oxygen, Herbert became comatose and remained in that condition until approximately one year ago when a level of consciousness returned, though he remained paralyzed in a wheel chair. Due to further complications of his injuries, his condition worsened and he died.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert "Ockie" Wisting (77), Volunteer
Department: Rio Grande Fire Co # 1, Rio Grande NJ
Date of Death: 2/23/06
Cause of Death: Died at home from suspected heart attack after responding to call for smoke investigation and complaining of not feeling well.

Name/Rank: Battalion Chief Robert Schnibbe, Jr. (57), Volunteer
Department: Hastings-on-Hudson VFD, Westchester NY
Date of Death: 3/3/06
Cause of Death: Died from cause to be determined while directing operations at working structure fire.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Wayne Edward Yarborough (59), Volunteer
Department: Waynesville FD, Waynesville NC
Date of Death: 3/5/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed and died from apparent heart attack shortly after returning home from working a brush fire.

Name/Rank: Firefighter George Jackson (67), Career
Department: Camden FD, Camden NJ
Date of Death: 3/7/06
Cause of Death: Severely injured in 1990 when he and two other firefighters encountered rapid fire progress conditions while searching residential structure. Jackson passed away as a result of these injuries after remaining in coma for more than fifteen years.

Name/Rank: Inmate Firefighter Michael Lynn Davenport (39), Volunteer
Department: Mississippi State Penitentiary FD, Parchman MS
Date of Death: 3/9/06
Cause of Death: Died of smoke inhalation after becoming disoriented in upstairs portion of structure. Volunteer inmate firefighters help the local community in times of need.

Name/Rank: Lieutenant Jeffrey A. Bowman (42), Career
Department: Chattanooga FD, Chattanooga TN
Date of Death: 3/11/06
Cause of Death: Died at home from cause still to be determined after responding to three alarms within the preceding 24 hours.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Kelly Kincaid (41), Paid-on-Call
Department: Morganton Dept of Public Safety, Morganton NC
Date of Death: 3/19/06
Cause of Death: Died of heart attack while advancing fire line on fire scene.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Barry R. Levin (58), Volunteer
Department: Lawrence Township FD, Glen Richey PA
Date of Death: 3/21/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed in POV along roadside while performing Fire Company related activities and died in hospital from apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Captain Rob McLaughlin (40), Career
Department: Ocean Shores FD, Ocean Shores WA
Date of Death: 3/22/06
Cause of Death: Drowned while participating in surf rescue training when his watercraft capsized in rough surf conditions.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Destry Horton (32), Volunteer
Department: Acme FD, Chickasha OK
Date of Death: 3/24/06
Cause of Death: Passed away from severe burn injuries received while operating apparatus in Wildland firefight. Firefighter Horton was also a firefighter/paramedic with City of Chickasha FD.

Name/Rank: Firefighter-EMT Shon Everett Rice (34), Career
Department: Georgetown County Fire/EMS, Georgetown SC
Date of Death: 3/31/06
Cause of Death: Died of cardiac arrest while on-duty in firehouse.

Name/Rank: Asst Chief David Moore (40), Industrial
Department: Valero Refinery Fire Brigade, Houston TX
Date of Death: 4/4/06
Cause of Death: Collapsed from effects of stroke participating in live fire training exercise at Brayton Fire Training School. He never regained consciousness and passed away the following day.

Name/Rank: Chief Richard G. Sullivan (57), Volunteer
Department: Horseheads FD, Horseheads NY
Date of Death: 4/4/06
Cause of Death: Participated in live smoke drills in acquired structure and died of apparent heart attack the following morning in his residence.

Name/Rank: Firefighter James McMorries (62), Volunteer
Department: Howardwick VFD, Howardwick TX
Date of Death: 4/9/06
Cause of Death: Critically injured in accident when apparatus he was operating turned over and down a ravine while operating on one of two large wildfires that started in the Panhandle of Texas on March 12th.

Name/Rank: Fire Captain Kurt Krebbs (45), Career
Department: Oceanside FD, Oceanside CA
Date of Death: 4/9/06
Cause of Death: Suffered acute heart attack and died after fighting prolonged structure fire previous day.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Thomas J. "Emmett" Kuehl (38), Volunteer
Department: Elkton FD, Elkton SD
Date of Death: 4/11/06
Cause of Death: Called to a controlled burn that had escaped its boundaries and appeared to be threatening neighboring property on April 8th, the truck he was driving became stuck. A tractor was obtained to assist in getting the truck unstuck. A clevis attached to the tractor broke and the tow rope recoiled through the truck's windshield striking Firefighter Kuehl in the head. Three days later, he died of the injuries he received.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Kevin A. Apuzzo (21), Volunteer
Department: East Franklin VFD, Somerset NJ
Date of Death: 4/11/06
Cause of Death: Succumbed to injuries received when he became trapped in basement at residential structure fire while performing search and rescue operations.

Name/Rank: Fire Police Captain David E. Smith (73), Volunteer
Department: Howells FD, Howells NY
Date of Death: 4/11/06
Cause of Death: Complained of not feeling well while preparing to respond to HazMat incident. On scene, his condition worsened, and he suffered cardiac arrest during transport to hospital.

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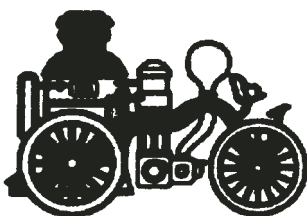
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John Busbee, Wawbeek Community VFD, Escambia County, died of a heart attack on the fire scene October 3, 2005.

Captain Manuel Griffen, Craig VFD, Dallas County, passed away April 7, 2006. He was a member for 25 years, since the formation of the department.

James O. Shealey, Goodwater VFD, Coosa County, passed away April 15, 2006.

Alton Lockhart, Clanton VFD, Chilton County, passed away April 30, 2006.

Chief Ben Martin, Red Oak Area VFD, Covington County, died in a motorcycle accident May 1, 2006.

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