

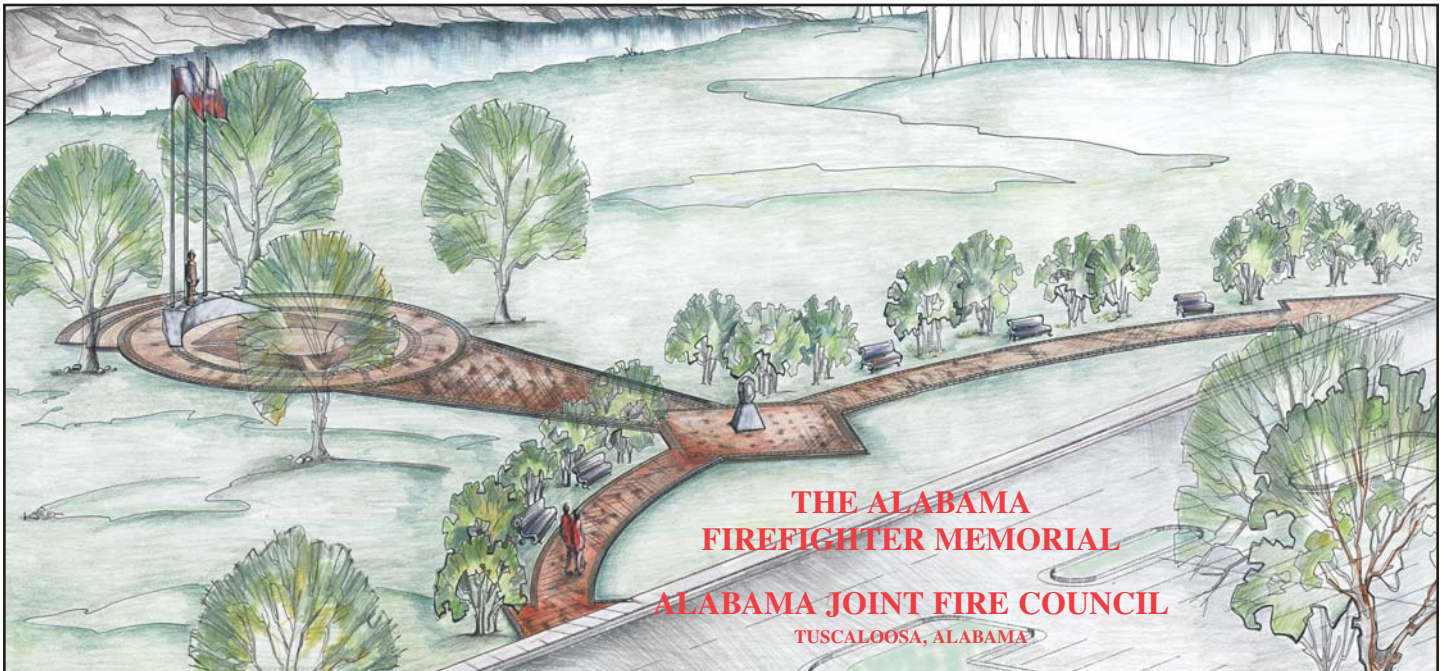


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September 2002



Council Agrees to Build Alabama Firefighter Memorial

On October 12, 2001, the Alabama Joint Fire Council unanimously agreed that a monument should be erected to serve as the official memorial to honor firefighters of Alabama who have given their lives in the line-of-duty and to pay tribute to those firefighters who heroically serve with pride, courage and honor.

The Joint Fire Council also agreed that the monument should be placed on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa and that a relief of the monument be placed in

the East Room at the State Capitol in Montgomery.

The memorial will be an original bronze work of art consisting of a life-size firefighter in full protective clothing performing fire extinguishments. The statue will be created using the "lost wax" method of bronze casting and will be finished in an antique bronze fire-on patina.

The sponsorship of personalized bricks will allow members, families and friends of Alabama's fire service to be recog-

nized and become part of the Memorial. The Memorial's design limits the number of bricks available. Reserve your brick today. Sales of bricks are on a first come basis, and exact location placement cannot be guaranteed. Each brick will be limited to three lines with 14 characters per line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters.

If you wish to purchase a brick, mail your donation, along with your desired inscription, to AAVFD, 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 345, Montgomery, AL 36104-4373.

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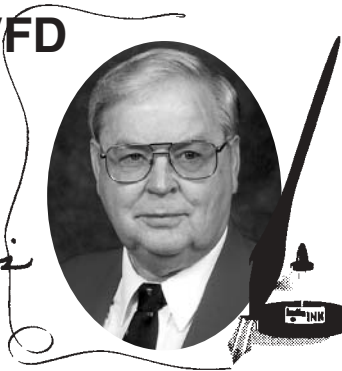
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FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Dennis



I look forward to serving as president of this association once again. We must pursue many important issues for our fire service that are on the horizon. We have the most dedicated volunteers as any state in our great country. However, being dedicated to our volunteer fire service can come at a great cost. Last year, two volunteers in Alabama paid the ultimate price for being firefighters: John McKinley with Pine Hill Fire Department in Wilcox County and James Smith with Flomaton Fire Department in Escambia County. Both these volunteers, along with firefighter Carl Cook of Birmingham Fire Department, will be honored at the National Memorial Service on October 6 in Washington, DC. Four Hundred forty-one firefighters paid the ultimate price for their county, state and community. Regardless if these firefighters lost their life at the World Trade Center in New York, a mobile home fire in Wilcox County or undergoing surgery after being disabled from injuries received in a house fire in 1995, they paid the price. Unfortunately, these won't be the last, as the nature of our service will take its toll each year for those who serve the fire service.

Being a volunteer in Alabama, as in most other states, is becoming more and more difficult. The risk of death or being disabled, increasing fire service regulations and increasing number of calls are taking more than most people can give. However, this is a service we must provide, as there are few options for those who live in the rural areas of our state. A strong recruiting program can provide your community with additional volunteers for your department. If you need help in recruiting, contact the AAVFD office as we can provide you with recruiting posters for your community.

A Personal Note

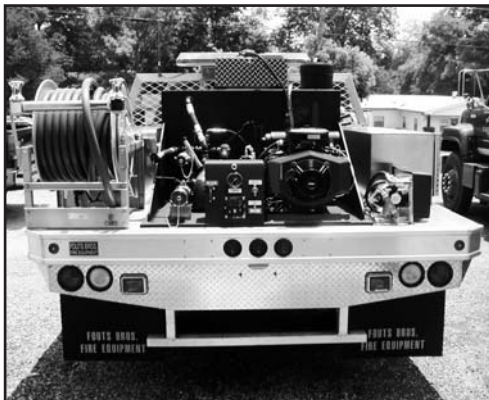
This association is dedicated to making our volunteer fire service better for the people we serve. Yet, our greatest responsibility is to the men and women who are the volunteer fire service of Alabama. This association has joined hands with other associations across the U. S. to find ways to provide worthwhile benefits not only for our volunteers, but the paid fire service as well. The 2003 National Fire Service Benefit Summit will be hosted by the California State Firefighters Association in San Diego. The AAVFD will be attending this summit, as we were host to twenty-four states that attended the Second Benefit Summit in Alabama in March of this year. Our Rural Community Fire Protection Institute in Alabama has developed a CD with the information provided by the states that attended Alabama Summit in 2002 and the Benefit Summit hosted by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association in 2001. This data will be mailed to each state and sponsor who attended the Alabama Summit. With this information we will have in hand the types of benefits and the companies that provide them to our service.

Notice to ALL Wildland Fire Prevention Grant Recipients

All documentation regarding your grant must be submitted to the AAVFD office by September 30, 2002. Please provide this information to the office as it is a requirement to finalize the grant provided to your department or county association. If you have any question, call the AAVFD Office @ 1-888-972-2833.

Newton VFD Replaces Old Truck With F350 Brush Truck

by Correspondent Charles Zeigler



In May of 2002, The Newton VFD of Newton, AL, Dale County, took delivery of a Ford F350 brush truck. This unit replaces the old Dodge truck we had used for several years. It came equipped ready to put in service and includes a foam system. This unit provides a quick response time and has been helpful in many situations. I commend our department for several years of planning and saving in order to make this purchase pos-

sible. The bid was awarded to Fouts Brothers in Smyrna, Georgia.



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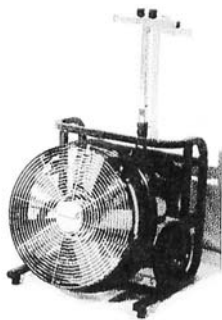
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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

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

DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	PRIOR RATING	CURRENT RATING	DEPARTMENT	COUNTY	PRIOR RATING	CURRENT RATING
Effective July 1, 2002				Effective August 1, 2002			
Bon Secour	Baldwin	9/9	5/9	Pine Grove	Baldwin	9/9	7/9
Clio	Barbour	8/9	6/9	Summerdale	Baldwin	7/9	6/9
Collins Chapel	Chilton	7/10	4/10				
Crossville	DeKalb	8/9	7/9				
Geraldine	DeKalb	8/9	6/9				
Oyster Bay	Baldwin	9/9	6/9				

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

Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 6-12, 2002. Remember: Change your clock-Change your battery. The IAFC and fire experts nationwide encourage people to change smoke alarm batteries at least annually. Each fall when you turn your clock back, replace old batteries with fresh, high quality alkaline batteries to keep your smoke alarm going all year long. After inserting a fresh battery, check to make sure the smoke alarm itself is working by pushing the safety test button.

Gordon VFD, Houston County, recently took delivery of a 2002 Luverne 4-Door International Pumper.

Fire Prevention Week Tip: Make sure your emergency flashlights work when you need them. Use high quality alkaline batteries. Keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, basement and family room, and use it to signal for help in the event of a fire.

Kilpatrick VFD, DeKalb County, took delivery of a GMC Mini-Pumper with a 300-gallon tank and 400 GPM pump to be used to answer EMS and brush fire calls.

Fire Prevention Week Tip: When purchasing new heating equipment (portable and space heaters, kerosene heaters, etc.), be sure to select products that have been tested and approved by an independent testing laboratory. Install and maintain heating equipment and fireplaces correctly, and be sure it complies with local fire building codes. Most heating equipment fires start as a result

of misuse or improper maintenance and are the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. During December, January and February it is the leading cause.

Approximately 100 members of Elmore County Volunteer Fire Departments Wetumpka, Red Land, Santuck, Buyck, and SARELCO (Search and Rescue of Elmore County) conducted a live-burn training exercise by burning a slaughterhouse, freezer and meat processing plant in Wetumpka. This gave firefighters the opportunity to train inside a burning commercial building.

Fire Prevention Week Tip: Install a fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it. The IAFC recommends a multi or all-purpose fire extinguisher that is listed by an accredited testing laboratory.

Sand Rock VFD, Cherokee County, took delivery of a Hahn Custom Engine with a 1250 Hale pump and 600-gallon tank.

Fire Prevention Week Tip: Create at least two different escape routes and practice them with the entire family. Make sure your children understand that a smoke alarm signals a home fire and that they recognize its alarm.

Don't forget Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation Day on Saturday, September 21st in Valley, Alabama in Chambers County. The Steering Committee Banquet will be Friday night at 6:00 pm.

Fire Prevention Week Tip: In teaching fire safety to children, the former head of research at the US Fire Administration reported that it is important to teach children about the importance of calling "nine-one-one" and not call the term "nine-eleven" simply because young children (in the pre-operational stage) don't understand the conceptual difference between "one-one" and "eleven" – and that there is no number eleven on a telephone keypad.

Samson VFD, Geneva County, received a 75/25 grant of \$14,000 from USDA Rural Development to purchase equipment for the department.

Officials of the Town of Frisco City and representatives from the town's fire and rescue departments held a special program, "Honoring Hometown Heroes", June 25th to honor law enforcement and emergency personnel in the southwest Alabama area. The AAVFD South Honor Guard, with bagpipes, a skit, special music and fireworks highlighted the event.





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Don's Perspective

by Don Shield
Alabama Firefighter

It has always been my contention that volunteer fire departments were organized to provide a much-needed service to their communities, towns, counties and the state. The volunteers that provide the manpower for fire suppression, rescue, medical services, etc, should not be required to also ensure that they raise the funds to maintain the financial well being of the volunteer fire departments through fund raisers. This month's article is written with the idea of passing along things that are going on in one county that may help others, so that you (the volunteer) can concentrate on training, recruitment, operations and other job related functions, not cooking chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers.

The Madison County Commission for years has provided fuel for all the volunteer fire/medical apparatus. A few years ago as the cost of insurance premiums (apparatus, stations, equipment, workmen's comp, etc) were taking 40-50% of most departments budgets, the commission decided to pay this cost so that the departments could better use their funding for much needed equipment. Since that time most departments have ensured their department personnel have proper turnout gear to include modern air packs, PASS devices, and now most departments have purchased the Jaws of Life. Two years ago the commission donated three acres for the establishment of the Madison County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments (MCAVFD) training facility. The association erected the classroom training and truck bay building this past year.

This past month the commission approved a 2.4 million proposal submitted by the majority of volunteer fire departments and ratified by the association chief's and Madison County Fire Marshal.

Through this bid, 15 new fire trucks, one new heavy rescue truck all with ISO suggested equipment will be purchased. The significance of this purchase is that quantity saves the depart-

ments money in the long run. Example: Buy 15 get 1 free.

Also connected with this proposal will be funds to complete the training facility; two story fire tower, drafting tank, confined space rescue station, drivers training course, and finish classroom facility with modern training equipment.

Now for some of the complex details, as to how all this was possible. First of all, the county commission recognizes the valuable service the volunteer fire departments provide and it doesn't take a rocket scientist for them to figure the cost savings to the county for this service. The Madison County Association of Fire departments elected to freeze their present budget lines (3 Mil Tax monies) at present funding for the next five years. It has been calculated that the monies reserved over present funding will pay for the 2.4 million trucks and training facility purchase in fifteen years.

The long range planning program has enabled the county association to look at other cost saving approaches, such as purchasing turnouts, airparks, radios, fire hose, etc on a county wide purchase program. Once a year combine all fire department common purchases and buy as one order, (quantity counts) enabling the fire departments to achieve the best price for the taxpayer dollar.

Before I forget, approach one of your county commissioners and enlist their help in being the county fire departments spokesperson at commission meetings, invite them to county meetings so they can learn first hand the problems your departments are having. Make sure whom you ask is truly your advocate.

Bringing this article to an end, I would like to pass along a special thanks to the Madison County Commission, Madison County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, Department Chiefs, Madison County Fire Marshal and the MCAVFD association truck committee for their commitment to the betterment of the volunteer fire service.

Farewell from Retiring AAVFD Secretary Rita Tullis

e-mail: ritatullis@firefighting.net

With some regret, I bring to you my sad farewell. For the past five years, I have served on the AAVFD Board of Directors. I first started as being elected as District 7 alternate director, then Director, and for the past three years, I have been secretary. I gave that position up this year at our conference in Mobile to a friend of mine (Mary Sells), and I know she will be an asset to our association.

I wanted all of you to know that I am leaving due to the fact I am pursuing my Master's degree in nursing, and if you have ever attended school full-time, you know how hard it is, espe-

cially being a single mom (Jessica, 18 and Alexa, 7). And to add to that, I met my soul mate in life, my best friend, Russell Smith, from Leakesville, MS, whom I share many hours with along with his two sons (Nathaniel, 15 and Lance, 12).



I started in the fire service in 1987 with the Poarch VFD (still a member today). Last year, I co-founded the Nokomis VFD in the community, which I live in Escambia County, which I am very proud of.

I will be gone, but hopefully not forgotten. Please keep in touch. May God bless. I love you all.

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Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission

W.L. Langston, Executive Director

STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE COURSE OFFERED

The Alabama Fire College is in the process of updating our Rescue Technician courses to better meet your needs. After reviewing the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006, Standard for Rescue Technical Professional Qualifications (2000 edition) and NFPA 1670, Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Rescue Incidents (1999 edition), the Alabama Fire College has added a new course, Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse.

Rescue Technician: Structural Collapse will meet both NFPA Standards (1006 and 1670) and will be taught to the FEMA Level. Training to perform Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) is hazardous and should only be undertaken by competent individuals under the supervision of instructors skilled in the various functional disciplines involved.

The Alabama Fire College will offer Structural Collapse Awareness and Operations to include light to medium construction, and Structural Collapse Technician, which will include heavy construction. At the present time certification and prerequisite requirements for these courses are being determined.

Structural Collapse A&O will be online in March 2003, with Structural Collapse Technician to follow in July 2003. Watch for details in the Alabama Fire College Update, or visit our website at :
www.alabamafirecollege.org.

In addition to the new Rescue Technician courses offered, the Alabama Fire College currently offers Rescue Technician certification in Confined Space, Trench and Rope Rescue. These courses are being rewritten to pull out the commonalities in these courses and offer a Basic Rescue Technician course as a prerequisite to the other Rescue Technician

courses. This commonality includes Chapters 2 & 3 of the NFPA 1006 Standards. This Basic Rescue Technician course will be a two-day course, and will be offered several times throughout the year to accommodate students wishing to attend the technical level courses. We anticipate this change taking effect January 1, 2003. If you would like more information on these and other courses available at the Alabama Fire College, please contact us via email at jmlevert@alabamafirecollege.org or check our website at:
www.alabamafirecollege.org.

CERTIFICATION TESTING CHANGES

Beginning October 1, 2002, certification exams will be conducted at the Alabama Fire College on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. This includes initial testing and re-testing. If you wish to schedule a certification exam, contact the Field Services Division at 1-800-241-2467, or via email at:
phughes@alabamafirecollege.org.



(Left to right:) Associate Commissioner Robert Harbison, Former Commission Chairman George Spears, Cullman County President Euell Hodge and Associate Commissioner Faye Whisenant.

Cullman County Dedicates New Training Center

On May 4th, Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments dedicated their new training facility. Cullman County Commissioners secured a loan of \$300,000 to pay for the training center. The Commission will repay the loan principal at \$60,000 per year, with the County Fire Association paying the interest on the loan.



KIDS VFD THANKS SUPPORTERS

Dear Fellow Firefighters:

Tom and I would like to thank each and everyone, with all our hearts, who donated to Kids Volunteer Fire Department. We are hoping now to have truck 2 done in time to see each and everyone again at Firefighter Appreciation Day in September.

Hopefully, we will be able to show you what your money went for and to see Truck 2 in action. Again, thank you and see you soon.

Tom and Nancy
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Rural Community Fire Protection Institute Projects Being Worked

The Rural Community Fire Protection Institute has been working on these projects the last few months:

National Benefit Summit CD – The 2nd Annual National Benefit Summit was held in Orange Beach, Alabama this past March. The Institute took the written material, state contact information and Power Point presentation that each state presented and produced a CD that contained that information. This CD was distributed to each state that attended and will be made available to each County Association within the coming month.

The Institute's next board meeting will be held at this year's Firefighter Appreciation Day, which is being hosted by Chambers County. The RCFPI Board of Directors officers will be elected at

this meeting. Also, Alabama Forestry Commission has two appointments to make this year to our board. The new board members will be in attendance.

Fire Prevention Week – October 6-12, 2002

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Team Up for Fire Safety." Team up with the people with whom you live, work, play and worship so that all of you will be better prepared to prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire. This campaign touched on three simple, but essential safety lessons that everyone can learn:

- Installing and testing smoke alarms
- Practicing home escape plans
- Hunting for home hazards

If the Institute can be of service to you

during Fire Prevention Week, please call Teresa at the Institute office at 1-800-897-7237.



The 14th Annual RCFPI Dinner and Banquet will be held March 29, 2003 at the Montgomery Civic Center in Montgomery, Alabama. Preparations for the Dinner have already begun. We hope to make this Dinner a success, but we cannot do it without your support. Information about this year's Dinner will be mailed to each fire department, county association and will be posted on the Institute's website www.rcfpi.com in the coming months. Please mark this day on your calendar and make plans to attend!

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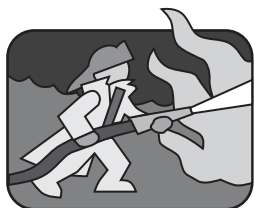
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Morgan County Volunteer Fire

By Marion Studer
Lacey's Spring, Alabama

On the 19th of May, 2002 I had the privilege to travel to New York City with some of Morgan County's Volunteer Fire Fighters and County Commissioner and his family. Those who traveled were Diana Gurley (Rock Creek), Terry McNutt (Danville), myself (Lacey's Spring) and Don Stischer (Morgan County Commissioner for District 3), his wife Vann and daughter Cassie.

We were invited to travel to New York by Jim Carney, senior member of Engine 69/Ladder 28 also known as the Harlem Hilton Fire Station. Jim had come to



Morgan County in March as the guest speaker during our annual Morgan County Association of Volunteer Fire Fighters Banquet.

Usually going to New York City would be loads of fun for anyone. But this trip was a true witness to the devastation suffered by the people of New York City and this country.

Though it has been eight months since that tragic day the scars are still very real and the wounds are wounds that will not heal.

We were all treated with much kindness and the people we came in contact with were very gracious. New York City is getting on with its life. There were lots of

people, taxis, stores and sites to see. The food was great and the Hemsley hotel staff was very nice to all of us.

Diana and I arrived a day before the rest of our group. Jim picked us up at the airport and got us to the hotel. He had family business to attend to so he left us and we decided to see as much as we could in one day.

Two women from Alabama alone in New York City, what a frightening thought. But we did well and found our way around. Our first glimpse of Ground Zero came from the top of the Empire State Building. I cannot express how I felt seeing that sight. It was like a pain in my heart. We were speechless. Seeing that American Flag draped from the building on the South Side of Ground Zero said it all.

After leaving the Empire State Building we made our way to Grand Central Station and by accident found one of the most moving sites during our entire trip. In one of the concourses we found a wall composed of letters, pictures, notes, etc of people looking for the missing. In the middle was a flag with the Firefighters Prayer on it. The tears flowed from both of us. That was enough for one day.

The next day the rest of our group finally made it in and we all went to Grand Central Station. Diana and I stood back as we watched our group read, reflect and weep.

We then decided to see the City at night. We took a subway to Battery Park and saw the only surviving piece of the World

Trade Center complex. A huge sculpture of the world. A bit battered and torn, with some of it missing, but there it was. It was in the plaza of the WTC and moved to Battery Park in March. It is our understanding there it will stay as a memorial to those who lost their lives.

Walking up Broadway we came to

Let Us Never

Trinity Church, quiet now, but the church where the rescuers went for sanity. We then went to Ground Zero..... Walking up the ramp, we saw signs, notes, flags, patches, Tee Shirts, flowers, pictures and much more from all over the world. The ramp was maybe 1000 ft long. At the end there is a platform looking across Church Street into the site. We all stood there together, looking, felt the pain together



Fighters go to Ground Zero

and wept together. Seeing Ground Zero on TV or in pictures cannot impact you as much as being there. It was unbelievable.

Being tired then we went back to the hotel and had a few moments of quiet time together. The closeness I felt for those 5 people at that time was inspirational. To know we were safe and our families were

er standing with the American flag on it being all that is left of the WTC. And the quiet. The only noise is from the equipment moving within the site. Jim lost his cousin on that day and was found not too far from where we were standing. The pain in his eyes and his heart was almost too much to bear.

and telling jokes, but underneath it all you could feel the pain and sorrow.

After a full day Jim took us back to the hotel. Saying goodbye to him was tough. What can you say to him? He has seen it all, as did so many. We only hope he makes it through this time and one day will find some closure. He is on light duty for now and is getting the support he needs to make it. Times are hard for him, but he will survive like all the rest.

Let us remember those who lost their lives that day. Not only in NYC, but at the Pentagon, and in the jets who carried those brave souls not knowing their fate. We have seen history in the making.

To all of you who give your time for our communities, to the men and women in the Armed Forces, Police, Medics, State Highway Patrol, Deputies, and most of all to the thousands of firefighters - Be Safe. Watch out for each other and hold those close to you dear.

I wish to express my thanks to Diana, Terry, Don, Vann, and Cassie for making this one of the most memorable trips I have taken. We have shared this journey together, and we will share many more. God Bless you all and may He keep you safe.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA
UNITED WE STAND**

Terry and Jim went into the site and Terry was allowed to put some Alabama dirt there, where it will stay forever. So Alabama be proud. We are there forever.

We then went to the Harlem Hilton. A fire station like any other in the city. The guys there were very nice to us and we exchanged Tee Shirts and patches. We talked about what we do and what they do and one said to me "what are you all thinking?" To do all we do for free is something they do not understand. But when I explained that had we been called for the rescue effort like they were (and not get paid) that's why we do what we do. To help others in need.

To watch Jim with his men was great. He was no longer on edge. He was safe and so were his guys. 69/28 lost 4 of their men. Jim was at Ground Zero for 30 days straight looking, digging, helping. His pain and suffering is so great. There is little you can say to these men to make it easier on them. You can only support them and let them know the rest of the country hurts with them.

But that was a good day. They had just taken delivery of a new Seagraves engine and were cleaning and shining. Laughing



er Forget

safe with so many lost was overwhelming.

The next day Jim picked us up and we were off on the grand tour. He took us all around the city showing us points of interest. We then went to Ground Zero again. He took us to Station 10 (located on the South corner of the WTC.) On the roof we saw what can only be described as unimaginable. A site going down 9 floors as big as 6 football fields. One steel gird-



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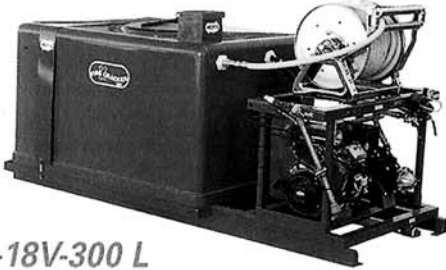


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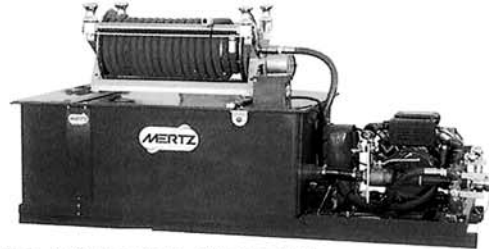
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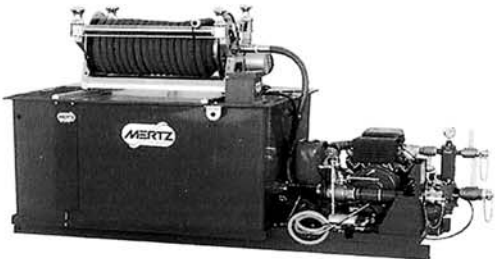
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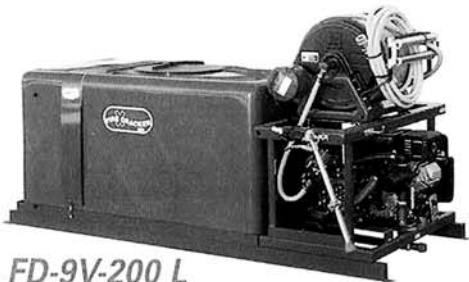
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Alabama Forestry Commission Communication Section



*By: Roy Mott
RCFP/Communication Chief*

Three years ago, the Alabama Forestry Commission began upgrading its VHF radio system. Nineteen counties in Alabama utilize the VHF radio frequencies for its local volunteer fire departments. New multi channel radios allowed Forestry the capability to program local volunteer fire departments in our AFC radios. A survey conducted to determine the number of counties utilizing the UHF radio system revealed forty-eight counties made use of UHF radio systems provided by the Forestry Commission. We recognized that the county fire departments utilizing the RCFP UHF radio system and the Forestry Commission's VHF radio system could not communicate with each other on a fire scene. This created many prob-

lems, especially when Forestry fire-fighting personnel and a volunteer fire department were on the same fire or assisting with other disasters that may occur in the local area.

We were aware that it was necessary to address this communication problem as quickly as possible. Two years ago, federal funds were made available to the Forestry Commission, which were used toward implementing this project upgrade.

These new multi channel radios have a special feature, which will allow us to connect the Forestry VHF radio and the new UHF radio together. By simply turning on a switch on the control panel, we now have the capability of

cross talk or mobile repeater. This simply means that once the radios are placed in this mode, the Forestry units can talk to the volunteer fire department through their VHF radios and the volunteer fire department can talk to Forestry through their UHF radios.

We have been notified that these funds will also be available to the Forestry Commission for the coming year. To date, Federal funds have allowed Forestry to purchase fifty-seven UHF radios that will be installed in our counties starting with the county with highest number of fires. We expect to have enough radios to cover our top twenty hottest counties. The installation of these new radios should begin by October 1, 2002

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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter Terry Stinson,
Volunteer Department: Brown
Township FD, Mooresville, IN 46158
Date of Death: 6/7/02
Cause of Death: Collapsed from heart attack upon
returning to station from EMS call
and died several days later.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/EMT Bridgett Nicole Autry,
Volunteer
Department: Herring VFD, Clinton NC
Date of Death: 6/13/02
Cause of Death: Died from traumatic injuries
sustained in vehicle crash while
responding to fire call.

Name/Rank: Firefighter/Engineer Paul Jolliff,
Career
Department: Indianapolis FD, Indianapolis, IN
Date of Death: 6/14/02
Cause of Death: Drowned while participating in a
six-week water rescue training
course as a beginning diver.

Name/Rank: Pilot Steven Ray Wass, Career
Department: US Forest Service, Sierra Front
Interagency Cooperators, Minden, NV
Date of Death: 6/17/02
Cause of Death: Died with two crewmembers when
their C-130 air tanker under
contract to the US Forest Service
broke apart in flight and crashed
after dropping fire retardant on a
wild land blaze near Walker, CA.

Name/Rank: Co-Pilot Craig Labare, Career
Department: US Forest Service, Sierra Front
Interagency Cooperators, Minden, NV
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Name/Rank: Engineer Michael Harlow Davis,
Career
Department: US Forest Service, Sierra Front
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Name/Rank: Firefighter Zachary Zigich, Career
Department: Grayback Forestry, Inc., Merlin, OR
Date of Death: 6/21/02
Cause of Death: One of five contract wild land fire
fighters killed and six injured when
van left the road and rolled on
Interstate 70 in Colorado. Crew
was in transit on 30-hour nonstop
drive to the Hayman fire, the
largest in Colorado state history.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Retha Shirley, Career
Department: Grayback Forestry, Inc., Merlin, OR
Date of Death: 6/21/02
Cause of Death: One of five contract wild land
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Name/Rank: Firefighter/Crew Chief Daniel Rama,
Career
Department: Grayback Forestry, Inc., Merlin, OR
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Name/Rank: Firefighter Jake Martindale, Career
Department: Grayback Forestry, Inc., Merlin, OR
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was in transit on 30-hour nonstop
drive to the Hayman fire, the
largest in Colorado state history.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Bartholomew Bailey,
Career
Department: Grayback Forestry, Inc., Merlin, OR
Date of Death: 6/24/02
Cause of Death: Removed from life support, one of
five contract wild land firefighters
killed and six injured when van left
the road and rolled on Interstate 70
in Colorado. Crew was in transit
on 30-hour nonstop drive to the
Hayman fire, the largest in
Colorado state history.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Trainee/MRT Richard
Alan Cusson, Volunteer
Department: South Killingly FD, Danielson, CT
Date of Death: 6/30/02
Cause of Death: Killed when he lost control of his
privately owned vehicle and broad
sided a telephone pole en-route to
firehouse to get his gear.

Name/Rank: Captain Kim Alan Granholm,
Volunteer
Department: Esko VFD, Esko, MN
Date of Death: 7/1/02
Cause of Death: Fatally injured by driver who
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by striking from behind several
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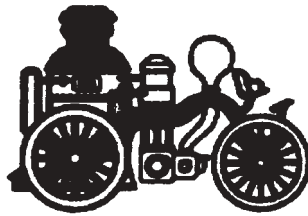
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Jimmy Wayne Moody, Berlin VFD, Cullman County and retired Forest Ranger with the Alabama Forestry Commission, passed away July 16, 2002.

Bob McCarthy, active member and former chief of Fort Morgan VFD, Baldwin County, passed away unexpectedly on July 19, 2002.

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

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