



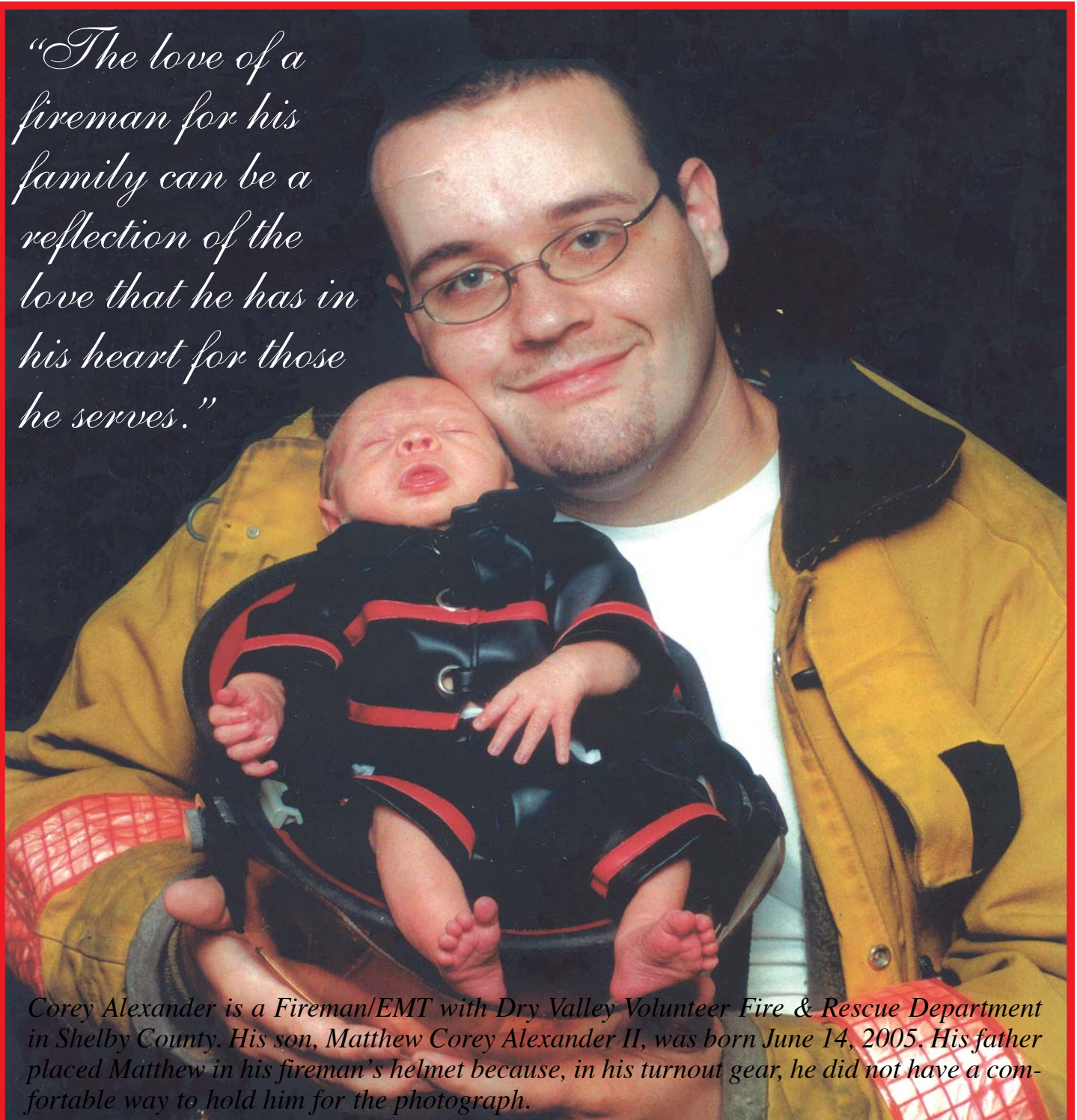
THE VOLUNTEER



The Official Newsletter of the
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

October – December 2005

"The love of a fireman for his family can be a reflection of the love that he has in his heart for those he serves."



Corey Alexander is a Fireman/EMT with Dry Valley Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department in Shelby County. His son, Matthew Corey Alexander II, was born June 14, 2005. His father placed Matthew in his fireman's helmet because, in his turnout gear, he did not have a comfortable way to hold him for the photograph.

FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Johnny Alberson



What do you feel is one of the hardest decisions facing volunteer firefighters, especially when they have recently joined the fire service? In our department this seems to be getting training that will enable one to participate in all phases of firefighting as quickly as expected. With the need of firefighters as great as it is today, it is difficult to provide the truck driving training, fire hose training, SCBA training, fire behavior training, and any other training desired with the work schedules of individuals as they are. There are many training opportunities to be found at the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa but scheduling these opportunities into a firefighter's schedule is sometimes prohibitive, so we wind up trying to do training needed in our home departments. This seems to be an acceptable substitute if there are capable and certified instructors in the department.

The Fire Chief or Training Officers has a big responsibility to see that new recruits receive the initial training needed, as well as scheduling continued training for the older firefighters. It is my

opinion that we never get enough training in a volunteer fire department to overcome or offset the needs that are presented at each working fire.

As with people, no two working fires are ever the same. There will be some differences, though these differences may be small, in each fire we are called to fight. These differences account for the need of training for a firefighter. Also, older firefighters must receive training each year to retain their certification.

I was so thankful that the departments and firefighters in our area did not receive the damage done by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that some of our fellow firefighters and departments received. We can look around us and TV and newspaper reports and realize how much we have to be thankful for. No matter how much training we have, we are lacking in the ability to offset these disasters.

I ask that each of you say a prayer thanking God that our damage was no worse than it was. Even though we sometimes don't think so, things could always be worse.

I encourage each department to get a copy of training available at the Fire College and to utilize all the opportunities available, if possible.

AAVFD Scholarships Available

The deadline for scholarship application is March 31, 2006. Four scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded. Each scholarship is given on a one-year basis and must be applied for each year regardless of previous applications.

Applications may be obtained from the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833. Completed applications must be mailed to AAVFD, Attn: Roy Adamson, Scholarship Chairman, 660 Adams Avenue, Suite 345, Montgomery, AL 36104 and post-marked no later than March 31, 2006.

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Alabama Number #1 *in Number of Homeland Security Grant Awards*

On September 14, 2005, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, announced the grant awardees of phase 2, part 1 of the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). CEDAP assists smaller jurisdictions, not currently assisted by the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), by providing anti-terrorism equipment and technology. The awards provide equipment for communications interoperability, information sharing, chemical detection, sensor devices, and personal protective equipment.

Nationally, 483 grants are being awarded. Alabama received 58 grants, considerably more than any other state in the nation. The second highest number of awards was New Jersey with 33, followed by Illinois with 32.

"Alabama has a record of success in pursuing federal homeland security grants. We'll continue our aggressive strategy to help safeguard our state and all its citizens," said Governor Bob

Riley.

Alabama Department of Homeland Security Director Jim Walker said, "Leading the nation in the number of CEDAP grants is proof that our Alabama strategy of team building, cooperation, and coordination is paying off to the benefit of our public safety community and the citizens we serve."

In May during phase 1, part 1, Alabama received 16 awards, second only to Washington State, which received 17 awards.

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2006 Membership Dues

The Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments is an organization dedicated to address the needs of the volunteer fire service of Alabama. AAVFD has done this through its many programs, including a fire prevention grant program, an AD&D insurance program, the legislation process and just plain looking after the welfare and concerns of volunteer firefighters.



With membership in AAVFD, your voice will be heard, and the needs of the volunteer fire service will be addressed. Fire department membership notices for the year 2006 were mailed out on October 3rd. If your department joins through the county association, the notice was sent to the county president. Annual Membership dues are payable January 1, 2006.

If you are not a member, contact the Montgomery office at 334-262-2833 or 1-888-972-2833 for information. If you do not belong to a member department, associate membership is available to anyone who is interested in the purposes, goals and activities of AAVFD. Associate membership affords you the same benefits as regular membership, except the right to vote.



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The ASAI is administered by The Alabama Department of Public Health in conjunction with The State Fire Marshal's Office. It is funded by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.





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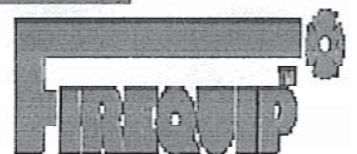
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ETOWAH	0 of 23
JACKSON	0 of 21
MADISON	0 of 17
MARSHALL	0 of 18

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	12 of 12
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE		0 of 12
COOSA		0 of 10
RANDOLPH		0 of 17
TALLADEGA		2 of 15
TALLAPOOSA		0 of 13

DISTRICT 7 MEMBERSHIP

BUTLER		0 of 16
CONECUH		0 of 21
COVINGTON	100%	20 of 20
CRENSHAW		0 of 12
ESCAMBIA		0 of 22
MONROE		0 of 15

DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA		0 of 10
BIBB		0 of 9
CHILTON		0 of 15
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
MARENGO		0 of 11
PERRY		0 of 11
WILCOX		0 of 9

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN		10 of 33
CHOCTAW		0 of 13
CLARKE		0 of 13
MOBILE		0 of 19
WASHINGTON		0 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

COLBERT	100%	13 of 13
FRANKLIN		0 of 12
LAUDERDALE		0 of 14
LAWRENCE		0 of 11
LIMESTONE		0 of 13
MARION		0 of 12
MORGAN		0 of 22

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE	0 of 13
GREENE	0 of 13
HALE	0 of 9
LAMAR	100% 10 of 10
PICKENS	0 of 17
SUMTER	0 of 18
TUSCALOOSA	0 of 20

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR	100%	11 of 11
COFFEE		0 of 9
DALE		0 of 13
GENEVA		0 of 11
HENRY		0 of 6
HOUSTON		0 of 17
PIKE		0 of 9

DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

BULLOCK		0 of 7
ELMORE	100%	20 of 20
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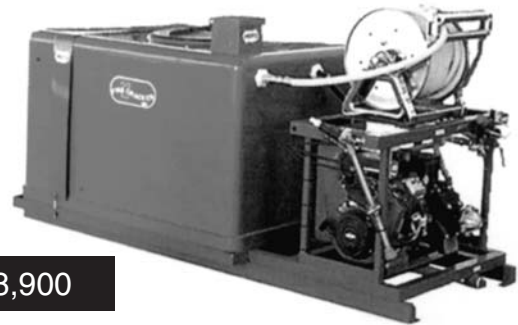
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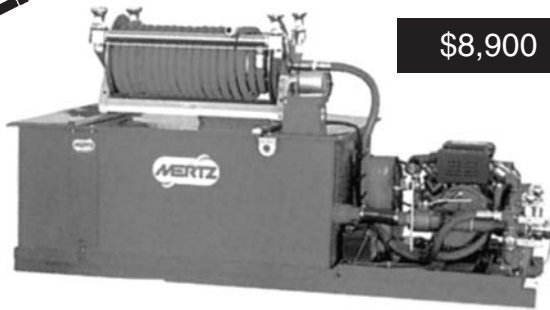
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From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

The love of Crimson Tide football led a group of firefighters in Poughkeepsie NY to collect \$17,000 for Bayou La Batre firefighters (Mobile County) in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Emergency workers from three New York firehouses stood on New York roadways with boots, asking motorists for donations. Chief Gary Johnson received two checks each for \$8,500, and distributed half the amount to eight volunteer firefighters in the department whose homes are no longer habitable. The other check will be used to buy equipment, including radios, helmets, gloves and uniforms. Poughkeepsie Fire Chief John Richardson is also planning a concert in the park with a goal of raising \$40,000 total for the department, with 50 percent going to the department and 50 percent going to the members themselves. Chief Richardson said, "People were dropping in tens and twenties. Everybody saw what was happening in Louisiana, and I think people thought it was nice we are helping out somewhere else where the focus hasn't been."

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Congratulations to Morrison Crossroads VFD, Randolph County, for achieving a Class 6/9 from a prior Class 9 rating, effective December 1, 2005.

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Congratulations to Sylvania VFD, DeKalb County, for achieving a Class 6/6 from a prior Class 6/9 rating, effective November 1, 2005.

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Robertsdale, Elsanor, Rosinton and Bon Secour VFD's and other community residents took part in feeding about 250 displaced Gulf Coast residents living in Baldwin County shelters after Hurricane Katrina.

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Congratulations to Cusseta VFD, Chambers County, for achieving a Class 6/9 from a prior Class 9/10 rating, effective March 1, 2006.

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Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, hosted a NIMS class September 30th & October 1st.

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Frisco City VFD, Monroe County, hosted an EVOC class on October 15th.

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Tuscaloosa County Fire Protection Association held its 23rd Annual Awards Banquet on October 15th.

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Uriah VFD, Monroe County, is hosting a Basic EMT class beginning October 17th thru January 30th.

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Springville VFD and Davis Lake VFD, St. Clair County, joined with other organizations to host a blood drive in support of the American Red Cross. Recent disasters on the Gulf Coast have depleted the blood supply, and many who could not respond directly to the disaster area have helped by giving blood.

Morgan County Fire Association held their annual Awards Banquet on October 1st. A car and cycle show at Point Mallard Pavilion was held in conjunction with the banquet.

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Coffeeville VFD, Clarke County, purchased a Holmatro 3042 spreader to add to its "Jaws of Life" Rescue Tool.

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Washington County Fire Association held its annual Awards Banquet on October 15, 2005.

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Livingston Fire-Rescue, Sumter County, took delivery of a Ferrara 77-ft rear-mount ladder on an HME Intruder 2 chassis. The



truck is powered by a 400 hp Cummins ISL engine and carries a 1,500 gpm Waterous CSU pump, 300-gallon poly tank, six-kilowatt Hartagen generator and EZ Stack hose body.

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Jackson VFD, Clarke County, held their 55th annual observance of Fire Prevention Week beginning October 9th and ending Saturday October 15th. The annual Fire Prevention Parade was held on Wednesday.

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Clio Firefighters, Barbour County, completed 8-hour Extrication Class conducted at the Ivey Body Shop in Clio.



Clio Fire Chief David Grice demonstrates Extracting Cutting Tool at 2005 Class - Ivey Body Shop, Clio.



Chauncey Wood, Clio Fire Inspector demonstrates Extrication Device/tool at 2005 Extrication Class - Ivey Body Shop, Clio



Clio Extrication Class.



Cutting Tool at 2005 Class.



Online Fire Training Opportunity

The Alabama Fire College and Jones and Bartlett are teaming up to provide “online fire service training” in a pilot format. Jones and Bartlett currently offers online fire service training in a program they call FireLearn. The program consists of thirty-seven (37) online study sessions that coincide with the thirty-seven chapters in their Fundamental of Fire Fighter Skills text. The program offers participants an opportunity to listen to the material being presented as well as interact with various components of the program.

For our pilot program delivery, the Fire College will offer Chapter 20, of Wildland and Ground Fires, at no charge to the first forty-five (45) students who register. Registration starts now and continues until all seats are taken. Those accepted into the class will be given a password from the Fire College so that they will be able to gain access to the session. You may progress through the course at your own pace whenever it is convenient for you to do so. Participants have until November 23, 2005 to complete the training session. Once a student completes the training session, they will be able to print out a certificate from Jones and Bartlett

from their personal computer. A copy of the certificate must be turned in to the Fire College credit for the class. Participants will receive 4 hours of training for participating in the online training class.

Since this is a pilot delivery, there will be no charge for taking the class, however, all participants will be expected to provide feedback regarding their experiences while taking the course and complete a course critique after completion of the class. To sign up for this class, fill out the AFC Application and send it in as soon as possible.

<http://www.alabamafirecollege.org/PDFFORMS/Common%20Forms/FRM024.pdf>

Our fax number is (205) 391-3747. To identify the class you are signing up for write in “JBOLAFC Wildland and Ground Fires” in the course section.

Also, be sure to write in your email address on the application form so that once you are accepted into the class we can send you the access code and other pertinent information. Don’t miss out on this online opportunity!!!

Alabama Joint Fire Council

Johnny Dennis, Past AAVFD President

For ten of the past twelve years, I have the pleasure of serving this association as president. For the most part, it was one of the greatest experiences of my life outside of my family. However, from the very beginning, I realized the greatest downfall, or shortcoming, of our volunteer fire service in Alabama is the failure to support ourselves. This problem can have as much negative effect on our service as the failure of the general public to supporting the volunteer fire service.

For the many years I served as president of this association, we worked to provide a retirement plan for the volunteers. This was not a new idea for our firefighters. In 1967, the Alabama legislature passed legislation that provided a retirement plan for both paid and volunteers. Unfortunately, in 1969, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled this law unconstitutional because of the way it was passed by the legislature. Four years ago, this association introduced legislation to once again provide a retirement plan for the volunteers. This legislation failed for two reasons. First, the insurance industries blocked every effort this association made to pass this bill. Second, the volunteer firefighters themselves did very little to support this legislation. This legislation would

have done more to help stabilize the number of volunteers and increase those numbers to meet the emergencies we face today and more so, those in the future.

Two years ago the Alabama joint Fire Council, with major support from the Alabama Fire College, developed a long overdue firefighter’s memorial. This was a very costly project and would not have been completed if not for the Fire College financial support. This memorial must be maintained, as a list of firefighters will be added to the memorial each year. If you (or your department) have not purchased a brick, now is the time. Each department in Alabama should have a brick representing your firefighters. You, or any member of your family, can purchase one or more bricks, as I have for my grandsons who live in Washington State. It is my hope they will return to Alabama and become volunteers as I and my son have for many years. Whether they do or not, their names will always be listed at the memorial for their sons or daughters and future family members to see.

To order a brick for your department or family, call Mindy Sexton at the Alabama Fire College, 205-391-3758.

2nd Annual Firefighter's Memorial Service

On Sunday, October 9, 2005, approximately 200 Alabamians gathered to pay tribute to the fallen fire fighters of Alabama at the 2nd Annual Fire Fighter Memorial Service lead by the Alabama Joint Fire Council.

As the Shelton State Brass Ensemble played quietly in the background, homage was paid to the families of 10 Alabamians who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line-of-duty.

A bell tolled as each name was called; a member of Fire Honor Guards from across the state presented each family with an American flag in recognition of their sacrifice.

As the ceremony drew to a close a single bag piper solemnly played Amazing Grace as he marched from the Memorial grounds.

The service concluded with Taps as a tribute to the ones who gave it all.



Remembering those who gave all:

Jerry W. Austin, 2003, Albertville Fire Department
Franklyn L. Bailey, 2004,
Selma/Dallas County Fire Department
John Lowell Boyer, 2003, Decatur Fire Department
Marvin J. Cates, 1937,
Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service
Walter Berry Fair, 1937,
Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service
Davy Joe Judge, 2004, Huntsville Fire Department
Clinton L. Romine, 2004, Good Springs Fire Department
Denson A. Roy, 2004, Bessemer Fire Department
Barry Wayne Smith, 2003, Jasper Fire Department
Robert Smith, 2004,
West Shelby Fire Department

Article by AFC Staff

2005 National Memorial Service Honors Fallen Firefighters

The 24th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend was held October 6-9. 117 Firefighter line of Duty Deaths were honored. Families attended a reception in Washington, DC on Thursday evening and attended family support programs on Friday. A candle light service was conducted on Saturday evening. For the first time in history, the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service was held indoors at nearby Mount Saint Mary's University sports complex

due to the weather. The traditional placing of the Presidential wreath was accomplished at the memorial site on the campus of the National Fire Academy without interference from the weather. Only one other time – in October 2002 – when the memorial service included the 9-11 line of duty deaths was the ceremony moved off site to the MCI Center in downtown Washington, D.C.

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The Geneva VFD held the dedication and open house of their new fire station on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005. The new facility was named in honor of Abb Jack Smith, retired contractor who has given his time for numerous projects for the city for many years, including the design of the new fire station and the new Rescue Squad building. The city, with help from a grant from U.S.D.A., constructed a modern 100' x 50' metal structure 3 blocks west of the old station which housed the fire department since 1912. It has 5 truck bays, office, kitchen, storage room, classroom and two bathrooms. We're very proud of our new station which will serve our community for many years to come. Geneva has a Class 5 I.S.O. rating. Thirty volunteers, led by Chief Ben Latimer, serve the city.

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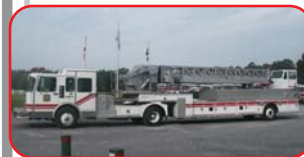
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On October 29th at the AAVFD Board meeting, four bills to be presented to the Alabama Senate and House for the 2006 Session were reviewed. You will be notified when the numbers are assigned to each of the bills.

Synopsis Bill No. 1: Under existing law, the dependents of a volunteer firefighter who is killed in the line of duty may receive a death benefit.

This bill would extend this death benefit to the dependents of a volunteer firefighter who dies as a result of a heart attack or stroke suffered not later than 24 hours after engaging in certain stressful activity while in the line of duty.

Synopsis of Bill No. 2: Under existing law, an automobile insurance carrier of a full-time law enforcement officer or firefighter may not consider motor vehicle accidents in government vehicles that occur while the full-time law enforcement officer or firefighter is in the performance of duty.

This bill would also prevent automobile insurance carriers of members of a volunteer fire department or volunteer rescue squad or volunteer emergency medical service from considering motor vehicle accidents that occur while the volunteer firefighter or member of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer emergency service are in the performance of duty.

Synopsis of Bill No. 3: Under existing law, there is no specific provision that prohibits an employer from terminating an employee who is a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services provider who responds to an emergency which results in loss of work.

This bill would provide such protection for those employees; would provide for reinstatement after termination; would provide for a statute of limitations for commencing an action; and would provide the venue of the action.

Synopsis of Bill No. 4: Under existing law, a person does not commit the crime of murder if a firefighter or other public safety officer dies while performing his or her duty as a consequence of the crime of arson.

This bill would include in the crime of murder the death of a firefighter or other public safety officer who dies while performing his or her duty as a consequence of the crime of arson.

To be successful in passing these pieces of legislation, it will take the combined efforts of all volunteer firefighters. Please let your local Representative or Senator know how important these bills are to you and Alabama's volunteer fire service.



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Scenes From Fire Prevention Week



Thomasville VFD, Clarke County, utilizes Smokey Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog during Fire Prevention Month in October. Smokey Bear and Sparky were purchased with funds granted to Thomasville VFD and Clarke County Firefighter Association from the Wildland Fire Prevention Grant program sponsored by the Alabama Forestry Commission and AAVFD.



McCullough VFD, Escambia County: Chief Eddie Kirby and Assistant Chief Mary J. Sells visit members of the Small Miracles Day Care. Four of the children are Mary's grandchildren (Trayce, Jalan, Jayce and Harley).



Clio VFD, Barbour County, visits the schools.

An Open Letter from NVFA Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg Regarding the State of the Volunteer Fire Service

Newsday, a New York City-based newspaper, recently ran a series of articles that portray the volunteer fire service on Long Island in a negative light. The articles claim that volunteer departments there have an overabundance of resources and spend taxpayer dollars frivolously. The Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) is responding vigorously to these charges. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has been in contact with FASNY and will continue to monitor this situation.

In light of the recent articles, the NVFC would like to clarify that the description of the volunteer fire service in Newsday does not reflect the state of the volunteer fire service nationally. According to a study conducted by the Public Safety and Environmental Protection Institute at St. Joseph's University, it would cost American taxpayers \$37.2 billion more annually if all volunteer firefighters nationwide were replaced with career staffing. Most of this cost savings comes in smaller, rural communities that don't have a large enough tax base to support a career department.

The reality is that very few volunteer fire departments receive adequate funding from government sources. According to A Needs Assessment of the U.S. Fire Service, a 2002 study by the US Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Association, a majority of mostly- and all-volunteer fire departments have to raise private funds beyond what

they are provided in tax dollars in order to function. Between 10 and 20 percent of the revenue for mostly- and all-volunteer departments comes from fundraising. In addition, fire departments serving smaller communities, which tend to be mostly- or all-volunteer, are overwhelmingly less likely to have the costs of apparatus replacement covered by their normal budget.

One item mentioned in the Newsday articles that is not in question is that the volunteer fire service faces serious challenges in retaining and recruiting members. The inherent danger involved in fighting fires has always been a major difficulty to overcome in recruiting new members. Each year, approximately 60 volunteer firefighters lose their lives in the line of duty.


Over the past few decades, retention and recruitment has become increasingly difficult because of population mobility, strict training requirements, distant employment, and two-income and single parent households. Since 1983, the number of volunteer firefighters in America has declined from more than 880,000 to around 800,000 today.

The NVFC supports several pieces of legislation that would aid retention and recruitment by making membership in the volunteer fire service more attractive. The Supporting

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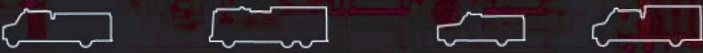
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Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act* would provide a \$1,000 annual tax credit for active members of volunteer fire and EMS organizations. The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act** would prevent the Internal Revenue Service from taxing the nominal compensation awarded to local volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders for service to their communities. No one becomes a volunteer firefighter for financial gain, but measures like these raise morale by showing volunteers that they are appreciated. A little help in the pocketbook may also allow a family to forgo taking on an extra job to make ends meet, which can play a huge role in determining whether or not someone has enough time to volunteer.

Another issue that can determine whether someone chooses to volunteer is how their services are utilized. Some volunteer firefighters quit because they are tired of fundraising and performing other non-operational duties. Many people aren't interested in fighting fires but would be willing to perform other tasks for their local fire departments if given the opportunity.

The NVFC has partnered with the Department of Homeland Security through the Fire Corps program to help connect willing volunteers to fire departments. Fire Corps is a locally-driven federal program that provides fire & EMS departments with resources to create, improve, and market programs that retain and recruit volunteers for non-operational support roles providing a benefit to both the department and the community. It

serves as a gateway to information for and about fire department programs and meets a citizen's desire to serve as well as a department's need for support. The NVFC has had a lead role in the creation and implementation of the program since inception in 2004 along with Fire Corps partners the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

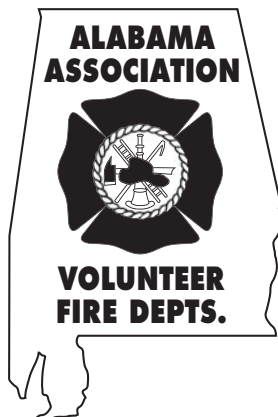
The volunteer fire service is a positive force in communities all across the country. Volunteer firefighters dedicate their time and risk their lives to keep their families and neighbors safe. As a nation, we should honor their efforts by helping the volunteer fire service meet and overcome the numerous challenges that it faces.

For more information on becoming a volunteer firefighter visit www.nvfc.org or call 1-800-FIRE-LINE.

- * The Supporting Emergency Responders Volunteer Efforts Act was introduced as H.R. 934 by Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and as S. 265 by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY).
- ** The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act was introduced as H.R. 1405 by Representative John Larson (D-CT) and as S. 1906 by Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT).

INSURANCE RENEWALS

2006 insurance renewal forms were mailed to the Chief of all AAVFD member departments the first week in October. Coverage of the current policy will expire on December 31, 2005. It is very important that the insurance/enrollments for the new year be sent to the Montgomery office as soon as possible so that department personnel do not lose a month of coverage.



Cost for the accidental death & disability policy remains \$12 per year for \$10,000 and \$20 per year if you choose to have coverage of \$20,000. Coverage begins January 1, 2006, or if mailed after January 1st, coverage begins on the day that your insurance enrollment is received in the AAVFD office.

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Most people assume that when a wildfire starts, it will quickly be controlled and extinguished. For most wildfires, firefighters have the ability, equipment and technology for effective fire suppression. But 3 percent of the time, wildfires burn so intensely that there is little firefighters can do. In addition to prevention education, this grant program is provided to help you (homeowners, firefighters, and the general public) identify numerous activities that will help you co-exist more safely with wildfire.



The pre-fire activities implemented by this homeowner included a green and well maintained landscape, reduction of wild vegetation around the perimeter of the property, a fire-resistant roof, and a good access road with a turnaround area. As seen in the photo, these pre-fire activities were effective.

“When?” Not “If”

Dangerous fires do not only occur in the Western U.S., high fire activity is also common in the South. Within this hazardous environment, there are homes, subdivisions and entire communities. However, many who live near woodlands or vegetated areas are ill prepared to survive an intense wildfire.

Act, Not React

Our ability to live more safely in this environment depends on “pre-fire” activities. Research shows by being proactive before a wildfire occurs, you have a better chance of saving lives and property from wildfire.

What To Do:

We cannot “fire-proof” the forest, but we can:

- Manage the vegetation around homes to create defensible space for protection.
- Use fire resistant building materials when building new or improving homes.
- Help design new subdivisions using fire-safe measures.
- Ensure coordination among all emergency response agencies to wildland fires.

THE “WHY WE’RE WORRIED ABOUT WILDFIRE” EQUATION

Fire is a natural part of our environment. Our forests were burning long before we came along.



People are living in this fire environment. Many homes are built and maintained without regard to wildfire.



There is a greater chance of fire starts. With more people using our wildlands, more fire ignitions are likely.



Today’s wildfires can burn intensely and be difficult to control.



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THE FIRE ENVIRONMENT

There are three components of the fire environment that determine fire behavior:

1. Weather
2. Topography
3. Fuel

Although weather and topography cannot be changed, the fuels (or vegetation) can be modified.

Together, these environmental factors determine:

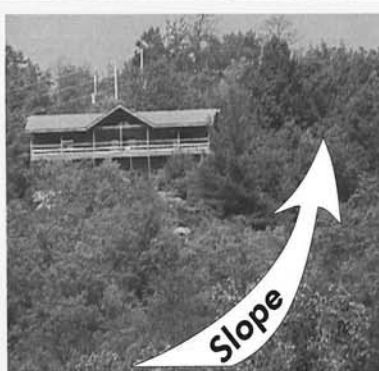
1. The likelihood a wildfire will start
2. How fast a wildfire will burn
3. The direction a wildfire will burn
4. The intensity of a wildfire
5. The ability to control and extinguish a wildfire



Consequently, many of our opportunities to reduce the wildfire threat rest with the proper management and manipulation of wildland vegetation.



We cannot stop the wind from blowing a wildfire.



You cannot change the slope or the wind from blowing up a hill, but you can remove the fuel from in front of your home. Erosion can be prevented by replacing flammable fuel with a native ground cover.



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NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES

Name/Rank: Firefighter James J. O'Neil, Volunteer
Department: Hempstead FD, Hempstead NY
Date of Death: 6/13/05
Cause of Death: Complained of feeling ill while responding to vehicle fire and returned home. He was pronounced dead at the hospital where he was transported after his wife found him unresponsive in the bathroom.

Name/Rank: Lt. Peter Lund, Volunteer
Department: Woodmere FD, Woodmere NY
Date of Death: 6/14/05
Cause of Death: Experienced chest pains and shortness of breath performing fire suppression at scene of residential structure fire where he collapsed. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Name/Rank: Chief Keith David Allred, Volunteer
Department: Juab Special Service Fire Dist – Granite Station of W Desert Dept., Nephi UT
Date of Death: 6/21/05
Cause of Death: Died of injuries received when tire blew out causing him to lose control of the tanker and roll over.

Name/Rank: Firefighter William McAnally, Volunteer
Department: Ossining FD, Ossining NY
Date of Death: 6/22/05
Cause of Death: Died suddenly of heart attack while marching in fireman's parade.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Valeree Claude, Career
Department: Pinetop FD, Pinetop, AZ
Date of Death: 6/24/05
Cause of Death: Died in her sleep while at station of a cause still to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter John Husser, Volunteer
Department: Rockville Centre FD, Rockville Centre, NY
Date of Death: 6/28/05
Cause of Death: Died at home within 24 hours following being released from duty after responding to several incidents.

Name/Rank: Fire Apparatus Operator Thomas A. Hurlbert, Career
Department: Rockdale County FD, Conyers, GA
Date of Death: 7/7/05
Cause of Death: Died of heart attack behind the wheel of the apparatus returning to station from multiple calls due to remnants of Tropical Storm Cindy.

Name/Rank: Engineer Joe Evans, Volunteer
Department: Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company, Bridgeville DE
Date of Death: 7/10/05
Cause of Death: Suffered apparent heart attack at scene of residential smoke detector activation and died later at hospital.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Todd A. Blanchard, Career
Department: Eastern Wake Fire & Rescue, Knightdale, NC
Date of Death: 7/14/05
Cause of Death: Operating at a tree fire (struck by lightning), a large branch fell from the tree and struck him in the head. He died at the hospital a short while later.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Donald E. DeVries, Volunteer
Department: Belvidere FD, Belvidere, SD
Date of Death: 7/17/05
Cause of Death: While bailing hay on his property, the hay bailer started to burn and spread to the dried hay. He called the fire department, but put out the fire before they arrived. While conversing with FD members, he collapsed and was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Thomas L. Ivey, Volunteer
Department: West Iron County FD, Iron River MI
Date of Death: 7/26/05
Cause of Death: While responding to a MVA in his POV he was involved in a separate MVA on 12/27/04. He suffered a cervical fracture and spinal cord injuries resulting in quadriplegia. He died of complications resulting from the quadriplegia.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Chris Kanton, Career
Department: Riverside County FD, Perris CA
Date of Death: 8/6/05
Cause of Death: Died of injuries received when engine he was riding on en route to a storm related MVA on the Interstate, left the roadway, traveled down an embankment, striking several trees, and came to rest on roadway below.

Name/Rank: Vice President/Firefighter William Bostian, Volunteer
Department: West Webster FD, Webster, NY
Date of Death: 8/6/05
Cause of Death: After responding to several calls throughout the day, he was preparing to preside over meeting at firehouse when he died of an apparent heart attack.

Name/Rank: Chief Edwin Berg, Volunteer
Department: North Prairie FD, North Prairie WI
Date of Death: 8/11/05
Cause of Death: Died from pulmonary embolism while attending Village Board meeting.

Name/Rank: Sergeant Rodney N. English, Career
Department: City of Detroit FD, Detroit MI
Date of Death: 8/14/05
Cause of Death: Collapsed while performing administrative work at the station and died en route to hospital from cause to be determined.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Joseph Walsh, Volunteer
Department: Keansburg FD, Keansburg, NY
Date of Death: 8/18/05
Cause of Death: Died from injuries when he was struck by a vehicle while working traffic control at a HAZMAT incident.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Philip S. Young, Volunteer
Department: Dover FD, Dover, DE
Date of Death: 8/22/05
Cause of Death: Preparing to descent the second floor sliding pole, he tripped and fell 12 feet to the floor below on April 2, 2005. He underwent multiple surgeries on his leg, which failed to heal. He suffered an aneurysm on August 20th and passed away two days later.

Name/Rank: Fire Police Officer Daniel R. Angert, Volunteer
Department: Petrolia Volunteer Fire Company, Petrolia, PA
Date of Death: 8/25/05
Cause of Death: While directing traffic at scene of working structure fire, he was giving directions to stopped motorist when a second motorist failed to stop, sticking the back of his leg. As he turned around, the second motorist ran over his foot. He was transported to the hospital where he was evaluated and released. He was found deceased at home on the sofa within 12 hours of the incident. Autopsy results show cause of death to be attributed to an aneurysm.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Michael Switala, Volunteer
Department: Lower Burrell VFD, Lower Burrell, PA
Date of Death: 8/27/05
Cause of Death: Suffered an unknown medical emergency while participating in his third night dive training exercise for PADI re-certification.

Name/Rank: Firefighter Robert Allen Bestgen, Volunteer
Department: Osborn Fire Protection District, Osborn, MO
Date of Death: 9/3/05
Cause of Death: Struck and killed by a push truck while on stand-by detail at race track. Incident is currently under investigation.

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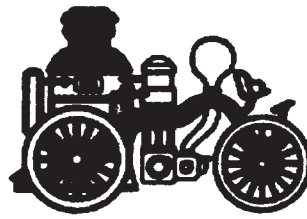
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Tony Tindell, Styx River VFD, Baldwin County, passed away after a short illness on September 5, 2005.

Ed Armstrong, Geneva VFD, Geneva County, passed away September 6, 2005. He was a firefighter/EMT with the department for approximately 15 years.

Johnny Showers, Lillian VFD, Bladwin County, died in a head-on collision on September 12, 2005. He also served on the Board of Directors.

James Steven Mason, Broomtown-Rinhard VFD, Cherokee County, died in a car accident on September 15, 2005.

Luther Crowley, Castleberry VFD, Conecuh County passed away September 21, 2005 following 20 years of service to the department.

Don Lambeth, Friendship VFD, Escambia County, passed away in September 2005.

Chief John Franklin "Johnny" Busbee, Wawbeek Community VFD, Escambia County, passed away on October 3, 2005.

Retired Firefighter Charles "Buck" Coleman, Repton VFD, Conecuh County, died October 3, 2005 in a work-related accident.

If any Volunteer Fire Department (member or not) has a firefighter die in the line of duty or as a result of a line of duty injury (examples: at the scene, going to or from the scene), notify ONE of the following IMMEDIATELY, no matter what day it is or what time of day or night: Johnny Alberson – (205) 459-2688, Steve Dennis – (334) 283-2110, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, or Lawrence Huffman – (256) 446-9813.

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