



THE VOLUNTEER



The Official Newsletter of the
ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

April – June 2011

2011 State Conference Information

The AAVFD Annual Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 26-27, 2011, in Fairhope, Alabama and will be hosted by District VIII Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. The registration headquarters will be at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort.

Please see a fire service biography for nominee Dan Hopkins and Hugh Harris elsewhere in this issue. All other nominees are incumbents, with whom you are acquainted.

ELECTIONS

At the annual business meeting on Saturday, elections will be held to fill the officer and board member position. The Nominating Committee made the following recommendations:

Nominations from the floor at the annual meeting are permitted by the AAVFD by-laws. All candidates, except those presented by the nominating committee, 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.

President	Chauncey Wood (I)
Vice President	
South	William Neal (I)
Central	Steve Dennis (I)
	Dan Hopkins
North	Derrick Gatlin (I)
Secretary	Mary Sells (I)
Treasurer	Charles Jackson (I)
	Hugh Harris

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.

SMOKEY BEAR PROMOTES "WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION"

Each year, uncontrolled blazes fueled by weather, wind, dry underbrush and human carelessness cause wildfires that burn thousands of acres of land and consume everything in their path. Alabama has had its share of wildfires during the recent extreme drought. The state-wide no burn has been lifted for all 67 counties since the state received enough rain over the last couple of weeks to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire.

fire fighters. Standing with him are (L-R) State Lands Director Patricia Powell, RCFPI Representative Sandra Mott, State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk, Governor Bentley, USDA Forest Service Supervisor Steve Lohr, AAVFD President Chauncey Wood and State Forester Linda Casey.

Governor Robert Bentley joins with fire service organizations and state agencies to encourage citizens to practice fire-safety precautions to prevent wild land fires consuming our public and private timberland. Governor Bentley holds a Smokey Bear "Wildland Fire Prevention" sign urging the public to support our



FROM THE AAVFD PRESIDENT'S DESK

by

Shay Wood



*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Luke 12:34*

As I sit down to write this column I see AAVFD as a guiding light for "OUR" Association's volunteers through these turbulent times. Our state has just experienced one of the worst disasters in Alabama's history and the second worst disaster in the United States.

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 will go down in history as one of the worst outbreaks of tornadoes (67) in a single day in American history. Alabama was the hardest hit of seven states with the loss of property and, even more sadly, the loss of loved ones where the death toll, as of this writing, stands at 244 in our state alone.

Among the residences, businesses, farms, and poultry houses that were destroyed or damaged, "OUR" Association had 8 volunteer fire stations destroyed, 6 damaged, and 1 county association child safety trailer demolished, in addition to the hundreds of acres of timber flattened, miles of fencing destroyed, and tons of debris scattered all over. More than 232,000 homes and businesses were out of power. North Alabama did not have a single consumer with power.

The quick response of "OUR" volunteers during and after the killer tornadoes was truly inspirational! You worked tirelessly, giving of your own time to help pick up the pieces of hurting neighbors, knowing that you too were hurting, but never letting on!

The flip side of the whole storm was the generosity, compassion and resilience I witnessed from all of you as you rallied together to mourn the lost and help the hurting who have been left with physical and emotional scars that will not quickly fade.

The worst storms in our history have brought out the best in "OUR" Association's members. That's the spirit of the "Volunteer Firefighter", and that's where my heart is! Together, we can come back stronger than before!

The final day, June 9th, of the 2011 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature was dominated by delaying tactics in the Senate, preventing passage of many bills scheduled for consideration, including "OUR" sales tax exemption (excluding school taxes) for our state office, county fire associations and fire districts. This bill, HB331, along with HB600 Workman's Compensation Bill, sponsored by Representative Richard Laird was pre-filed the next day, Friday, June 10th for either a special session should Governor Bentley call one or the next regular session beginning in February 2012.

Fire Caucus Co-chairs, Representative Richard Laird and Senator Arthur Orr (replacing long-time co-chair Senator Tom Butler) have worked tirelessly for our rural community volunteer firefighters and their departments. It took a lot of persistence and diligence to complete our legislative agenda with 3 of 5 bills passed into law, including two Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund and one Good Samaritan Law bill. With the talented people I had assisting me, we successfully accomplished passing, amending and defeating many bills this session.

As is the case every year, AAVFD supported our partner, the Alabama Forestry Commission's three bills that did not pass. Forever Wild Trust (SB369) will be on the November 2012 ballot for a vote of the citizens. State Fire Marshal's sprinkler system permit (HB205/SB380) did not pass. See State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk's message elsewhere in this issue. Public Safety legislation passed into law were 911's radio notification communication districts (HB389) and EMA agreements with Indian tribes (HB182)

On a personal note, a special "THANK YOU" goes out to Paige Crouch, Dan Hopkins, Derrick Gatlin, Butch LeCompte, Scott Hallman, Jimmy Looney, Charlie Dixon, W. A. Neal and Charles and Cindy Jackson for assisting me throughout the 2011 legislative session by walking the halls talking with legislators and attending committee meetings for our legislation. Also, a big "Thank You" goes to all the volunteers who called, e-mailed and personally contacted your legislators concerning AAVFD legislation.

I would be remiss in not saying a "Heartfelt Thanks" to one of the rocks on which "OUR" Association stands. She demonstrates this daily, as I witness her devotion and dedication for AAVFD concerns! She has a ready smile and really cares about the needs of the volunteers - Thank you, **Sandra Mott**, for all you do!

During the past three years I have served as your President, 23 bills have passed into law for "OUR" Association and 31 total in the last seven years for the fire service as a whole! Being a "Fire Watch Dawg" for federal and state mandates for the volunteer fire service takes a lot of time and dedication, and I will continue to work hard for "OUR" Association and you!

Come on down and join your fellow volunteers for "OUR" 34th annual "Beach-Side" conference. That's right, it's just around the corner and District Eight Chair Margie Bowden and Co-Chair Ray Hogans, along with their conference committee, have been working extremely hard to insure our stay to be both enjoyable and memorable!!

Competition is always at its best under the watchful eye of **Joey Boyd!** We all know he couldn't do what he does if it were not for **Sandy, Carma**, and yes, you too **Paige!!** I hope you have plenty of your famous "Apple Pie" energy boost juice at the Beach Side. It's gonna be hot, hot & hot!!!

Conference wouldn't be much fun if it were not for the vendors! I'm told there will be a lot of familiar ones and some new ones to get acquainted with. Take time to go by and say "Thanks" for coming and for supporting AAVFD!

Until next time, **Stay Alert, Stay Safe, Stay Alive** and may "**God Bless 'OUR' Association**". See ya'll at the Beach Side August 26 and 27!!!

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FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY COMPETITIONS

FIREFIGHTER COMPETITION

AIR PACK RELAY

1. Fulton (Clarke)
2. Hollis Crossroads (Cleburne)
3. McIntosh (Washington)

HOSE LAY

1. Fulton (Clarke)
2. Hollis Crossroads (Cleburne)
3. McIntosh (Washington)

EXTRICATION

1. Frisco City (Monroe)
2. McIntosh (Washington)
3. Hollis Crossroads (Cleburne)

BRUSH TRUCK COMPETITION

AFC LOAN

1. Fulton (Clarke)
2. Mexia (Monroe)
3. Rocky Hill (Monroe)

CHILI & STEW COMPETITION

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. George Hankins | Frisco City (Monroe) |
| 2. Lori Morgan | Range (Monroe) |
| 3. Becky Morgan | Range (Monroe) |

CAKE & HOMEMADE ICE CREAM COMPETITION

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Mary O. Smith | Burnt Corn (Monroe) |
| 2. Steve Norwood | Frisco City (Monroe) |
| 3. Mary O. Smith | Burnt Corn (Monroe) |

CAKE DECORATING

Steve Norwood
Frisco City (Monroe)

WATER ON THE ROOF

1. Hollis Crossroads (Cleburne)
2. Fulton (Clarke)
3. McIntosh (Washington)

OVERALL WINNERS

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Fulton | 27 points |
| 2. Hollis Crossroads | 24 points |
| 3. McIntosh | 15 points |



BRUSH TRUCK COMPETITION

FACTORY BUILT

1. Mexia (Monroe)
2. McIntosh (Washington)
3. Burnt Corn (Monroe)

Stew
Chili
Chili

Cake
Ice Cream
Cake



Owens Crossroads VFD, Madison County, was recognized as "Department of the Year". The department displayed the new Tradition ES pumper that they won from E-One's "Tell Us Your Story" contest in 2010.

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FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION WEEKEND



RCFPI President Roy Mott

Monroe County Firefighters worked many long hours to have the awesome event that firefighters and their families enjoyed in Monroeville June 3rd & 4th. Your efforts exceeded our expectations! Chairman

Daniel Day relaxes a few minutes as events wind down and before all the required hours of clean up begin. Thank you Daniel! And thank you Firefighters who worked so hard!



RCFPI Vice President Chauncey Wood

Countless hours, sleepless nights and a lot of blood, sweat and tears went into making this year's event a great success. RCFPI extends its sincere gratitude to Chairman Daniel Day, the committee and everyone whose efforts in working and making this firefighter Appreciation Day such a quality event for all. The pictures on these pages are evidence of a great time had by all! We're looking forward to next year!



Milton Parsons with seafood cooks thanked for delicious fresh seafood lunch



Fulton First Place



Hollis Crossroads 2nd Place



McIntosh 3rd Place



Brantly Hopkins Cools Down with Smokey Bear



Extrication Instructor Jason Heard closely observes extrication competition

From Here and There

News of the Volunteer Fire Service from across Alabama

Firefighter of the Year and Sherry Garner Memorial Award nominations are due by August 15th. Don't miss an opportunity to recognize a firefighter who has done an outstanding job in the volunteer fire service. These awards will be presented at the annual Conference in Fairhope on August 27th.

Crossville VFD, DeKalb County, held the third annual Cody Renfroe Rod Run on April 16th. Cody was a firefighter with Crossville VFD who lost his life in a house fire in the fall of 2008. The twenty-six county departments also competed in the annual fire fighters competition.

Millbrook VFD, Elmore County, held its annual fundraiser in April. This fundraiser has helped the department in years past with the purchase of defibrillators, Jaws of Life, two ambulances, a training tower and burn room.

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/AEMTA is the news group for the newly-formed Alabama Emergency Medical Technicians Association. Interested individuals are invited to join and share knowledge, questions, concerns and thoughts with EMS and how to improve Alabama EMS.

Pine Level VFD, Autauga County, sponsored its annual Bar-B-Que on May 21st.

Thanks go out to Brookwood (Tuscaloosa), Dadeville (Tallapoosa), Duncanville (Tuscaloosa) VFDs and Tuscaloosa County Fire Protection Association for sending their department patch for our "Wall of Patches". It's not too late to send your department's patch representing your firefighters in the state office.

Bullock Community VFD, Crenshaw County, received a \$1,700 grant from Wiregrass Resources Conservation & Development (RC&D). The money was used to purchase a deluge gun for the department's 2007 pumper truck.

June is Home Safety Month, providing a perfect opportunity to reach out to the public and help prevent accidental burns and injuries at home. Home Safety Month seeks to educate families and communities on how to prevent and minimize dangerous situations in the home, including promoting fire safety in the home.

Rogersville VFD, Lauderdale County, sponsored a community blood drive on June 9. They are the primary supplier to UAB Hospital and Children's Hospital in Birmingham.

Home of 911, the City of Haleyville in Winston County sponsored their 911 Festival on June 10-11 honoring all police, fire, EMS, and first responders in the nation. Following a parade, an apparatus and equipment showcase was provided by the local fire, police, and EMS departments.

Fort Mitchell VFD, Russell County, held their annual fund raiser BBQ on June 25th.

The Monroe Journal won second place in the large weekly division in General Excellence in the 2011 Alabama Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, winning 19 awards. Staff writer Josh Dewberry has been a special contributor to "The Volunteer" for a number of years. Josh received first place for "Best Spot News Photo" for "Fires burn shed, vacant house". Congratulations, Josh!



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VOLUNTEERS FIGHT WILDLAND FIRE IN GULF STATE PARK

District 8 Director Ray Hogans

Members of the AAVFD and Baldwin County Volunteer departments again have pulled together in an effort to defeat the fire dragon in a massive 400-acre Wildland fire in Gulf State Park between Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Alabama. When the request for assistance to these communities and Alabama Forestry went out, there was no hesitation at all. Both personnel and equipment of all kinds were mobilized in a collective effort to protect our communities and the assets we cherish in our state.

Barnwell, Bon Secour, Elberta, Epworth-Vinegar Bend, Fairhope, Fish River-Marlow, Foley, Fort Morgan, Hugger's Landing/Oyster Bay, Josephine, Magnolia Springs, Perdido



Beach, and Robertsdale Volunteer Fire Departments have provided countless man-hours and equipment to support the unfaltering commitment that all the communities in this great state of Alabama have become accustomed to from our many AAVFD departments and their countless number of volunteers. These men and women dedicate numerous hours of work and support to their community and surrounding areas, never asking or expecting anything more in return than the respect they have earned and deserve.



President Chauncey Wood indicates possible scene that Alabama State Fire Marshal Ed Paulk says produced embers from camp fire starting the blaze that consumed just under 1,000 acres in Gulf State Park

OHIO FIREFIGHTERS REPLACE TRUCK LOST IN ALABAMA TORNADOES

Cordova Fire Chief Dean Harbison (Walker County) traveled to Ohio to collect a large-scale contribution to tornado relief: a fire engine.

Chief Harbison drove out of Columbus July 4th in a truck donated by the fire department in suburban Truro Township Ohio. Township Fire Chief Jerry Foltz said his counterparts from the South lost five fire trucks in a late April tornado, and he had one to give.

Chief Foltz' department had no success with trying to sell a fire engine from the 1985 model year and overhauled in the 1990s. Tornadoes on April 27th in Alabama killed more than 240 people and did major damage.

Chief Harbison says his department is struggling to recover. A condemned pharmacy is now substituting for the firehouse, which was crushed.



Truro Township Chief Jerry Foltz gives a quick tour of donated fire truck to Cordova Chief Dean Harbison before he heads out to Walker County

2011 CONFERENCE COMPETITION *COMPETITION CHAIRMAN JOEY BOYD*

Ok, gang! Here's what some of you have been waiting for: Competition for the 2011 AAVFD Conference in August are as follows:

Air Pack Relay • Hose lay 1 • Obstacle Course

Good luck to all, hope to see old and new teams this year.

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2011 AAVFD Legislation

President Chauncey D. Wood, III



WORKING ON AAVFD LEGISLATION: L-R:
District 9 Director Jimmy Looney, District 3 Alternate Director Scott Hallman, Fire Caucus Co-Chair Representative Richard Laird, President Chauncey Wood, Life Member Charlie Dixon, Third Vice President, Derrick Gatlin
Not Pictured: Fire Caucus Co-Chair Senator Arthur Orr

The 2011 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature concluded for the year at midnight on June 9, 2011, with final passage of both the state general fund and education trust fund budgets. Redistricting of Alabama's Congressional Districts and State Board of Education were also given final approval on the last night.

The following synopsis of AAVFD legislation shows that some bills were successful and some were not, but overall, the volunteer fire service will benefit from the accomplishments in this extremely difficult legislative session.



1. SB129/HB243 - Senator Gerald Dial - Representative John Merrill - ALABAMA FIREFIGHTERS ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND: Allow a minimum voluntary \$2 income tax contribution by check off of annual income tax returns.
PASSED. SB129/Act # 2011-312 and HB243/Act # 2011-552. EFFECTIVE BEGINNING WITH FILING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN FORM FOR 2010 TAX YEAR.



2. HB510 - Representative Terri Collins - GOOD SAMARITAN LAW: Amend existing law which grants some liability protection for persons who assist in an emergency. The new law extends these liability protections to persons acting in good faith who render emergency care at the scene of an accident or emergency without charge. These persons are also protected against civil damages for any act or omission in rendering emergency care or for any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment if they act as a reasonable prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances.
PASSED. Act # 2011-579 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

3. SB130/HB213 - Senator Tom Whatley - Representative Richard Laird - APPOINTMENT TO AL FIREFIGHTERS' PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION COMMISSION: Authorize one member of the 7-member Commission to be appointed by AAVFD. Currently AFA and PFFA have one appointment each, and the Governor has 4 appointments. The State Fire Marshal is a member by virtue of his office. This would reduce the Governor's appointments to three.
EXECUTIVE ORDER BY GOVERNOR BENTLEY. AAVFD PRESIDENT SUBMITS THREE (3) NAMES TO GOVERNOR WHO PICKS ONE (1) FOR THE APPOINTMENT.

4. HB331- TAX EXEMPTION - Representative Richard Laird: Provide sales tax exemption (excluding school taxes) for AAVFD and County Volunteer Fire Associations, AL Association of Rescue Squads, County Rescue Squads and Fire Districts that do not come under the auspices of their County Commission. **PASSED HOUSE. # 3 ON SENATE SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR ON LAST DAY, JUNE 9TH. DID NOT COME UP DUE TO STALLING TACTICS. PREFILED FOR NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

5. HB201 - ALABAMA FIREFIGHTERS ANNUITY & BENEFIT FUND: Representative John Merrill - Amend to provide for a voluntary annual fee (\$3), less an administration fee (not to exceed 3% of revenues remitted to fund), on each property and fire casualty insurance policy issued.
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED BY SPONSOR.

6. HB600 - Representative Richard Laird - WORKER'S COMPENSATION RATES: Require commissioner of insurance to regulate maximum annual payroll per fire fighter or rescue squad members for purpose of setting workers' compensation rates for volunteer fire departments or rescue squads or combination departments.
FAILED TO PASS ON LAST DAY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION. PREFILED FOR NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

7. HB390/SB355 - SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE EXEMPTION - Representative Elaine Beech - Senator Marc Keahey: Exempt any volunteer fire department in this state from the payment of any fees required for solid waste disposal service by the county. **CODIFIED INTO LAW AT EARLIER TIME. ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2011-054 STATES "A volunteer fire department is exempt from solid waste disposal fees under section 40-9-13 of the Code of Alabama."**

8. SB119 - Senator Arthur Orr: Authorizing distribution of proceeds from forfeited property to a volunteer fire department.
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED BY SPONSOR.

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OTHER BILLS THAT AFFECT THE FIRE SERVICE

HB389, sponsored by Representative Barbara Boyd, authorizes one or more counties to establish a radio/alert notification communications district and assess a fee on users. This bill was enacted to provide for a joint project by Calhoun and Talladega counties, but as a statewide law would allow for similar projects in other areas. The **amendment** provides an **opt-out provision for fire departments** & others that create their own alert system.

PASSED. ACT # 2011-675. Effective September 1, 2011

The Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems bill was successfully opposed. American Subcontractor's Association of Alabama (ASA) opposed the efforts of **SB280**, sponsored by Sen. Bryan Taylor, R-Prattville, and **HB205**, sponsored by Rep. Randy Wood, R-Anniston that would allow the State Fire Marshal to issue permits to certain fire protection sprinkler contractors. Many ASA members weighed in against the legislation and their voice was heard in Montgomery. **PREFILED FOR NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**



President Wood in DISGUISE

Meet Smokey and celebrate Alabama Outdoor Heritage Day at the Wehle Land Conservation Center in Midway AL on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

FREE admission to all Events: Available are Educational exhibits and demonstrations, such as antique tractors, forges, and draft horses and activities, such as fishing, hiking, biking and horse trails.

For more information, contact Butch or Joanne LeCompte at 334-775-7448 or 334-316-1065.



2011 AAVFD Membership – Total 926

DISTRICT 1 MEMBERSHIP

CALHOUN	50%	5 of 10
CHEROKEE	100%	13 of 13
DEKALB	100%	25 of 25
ETOWAH	100%	23 of 23
JACKSON	100%	21 of 21
MADISON	100%	17 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON	37%	11 of 30
SHELBY	50%	9 of 18
ST CLAIR	75%	15 of 20
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE	31%	4 of 13
GREENE	100%	14 of 14
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR	100%	10 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	21 of 21

DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

CHAMBERS	100%	13 of 13
CLAY	100%	18 of 18
CLEBURNE	100%	12 of 12
COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
TALLADEGA	28%	5 of 18
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

DISTRICT 5 MEMBERSHIP

AUTAUGA	100%	10 of 10
BIBB	100%	9 of 9
CHILTON	81%	13 of 16
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
MARENGO	100%	12 of 12
PERRY	100%	11 of 11
WILCOX	100%	10 of 10

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

BARBOUR	100%	12 of 12
COFFEE	100%	9 of 9
DALE	100%	13 of 13
GENEVA	100%	10 of 10
HENRY	100%	6 of 6
HOUSTON	100%	17 of 17
PIKE	100%	9 of 9

DISTRICT 7 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP

BALDWIN	68%	21 of 31
CHOCTAW	100%	14 of 14
CLARKE	100%	14 of 14
MOBILE	100%	19 of 19
WASHINGTON	100%	19 of 19

DISTRICT 9 MEMBERSHIP

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

DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

BULLOCK	100%	7 of 7
ELMORE	100%	20 of 20
LEE	100%	7 of 7
LOWNDES	25%	2 of 8
MACON	20%	2 of 10
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Hale QMAX 2250 GPM Pump
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480 Gallon Poly Tank
AMPS 15 KW Hydraulic Generator



1999 Pierce Dash 85' Platform
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Allison HD-4060PR Automatic
Waterous CMU YCK 1500 GPM Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank
FoamPro System w/ 20 Gallon Tank



1998 Pierce Dash 105' Quint
Detroit Series 60 470 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060P Automatic
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300 Gallon Poly Tank
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1996 Pierce Lance 75' Quint
Detroit 8V92TA 500 HP Diesel
Allison HD4060PR Automatic
Hale QSMG150 1500 GPM Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank
Onan 6KW Diesel Generator



1994 E-One Hurricane 95' Platform
Detroit 8V92 450 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Waterous 2000 GPM Pump
200 Gallon Poly Tank
Foam System



1994 Spartan / Smeal 75' Quint
Detroit Series 60 450 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Waterous 1500 GPM 2-Stage Pump
300 Gallon Poly Tank
Akron 95 GPM Foam System



1993 E-One Hurricane 75' Quint
Cummins 350 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Hale QSMG150-23 1500 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Poly Tank



1993 Pierce Arrow 105' Quint
Detroit 8V92TA 450 HP Diesel
Allison HT740 Automatic
Waterous 1500 GPM Pump
500 Gallon Tank
Onan Generator



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2006 Chevy / Pierce Command Center
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10KW Diesel Generator
1/3" CCD Telescoping Camera
Sink, Refrigerator, Microwave
2 - 20" Flat Panel Televisions



1998 Pierce Quantum Heavy Rescue
Detroit Diesel, Allison Automatic
Hale AP 500 GPM Pump
250 Gallon Poly Tank
Winco 25KW PTO Generator
Nightscan Light Tower



2001 Ford F-350 Light Rescue
Ford 7.3L Diesel Engine
Automatic Transmission
Winch on Front Bumper
2 - 500W Scene Lights



1994 E-One Protector Heavy Rescue
Cummins 8.3L Diesel Engine
Allison 3060 Automatic
25kW PTO-Driven Generator
Will-burt Light Tower
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This event is unique within the fire and emergency services and provides firefighters the opportunity to advocate for federal fire and emergency services initiatives to benefit

your state's fire service. AAVFD Board Members Butch LeCompte and Charles Jackson attended, along with representatives of other organizations in the Alabama Fire Service. Butch and Charles met with Senator Jeff Sessions (photo), Congresswomen Terri Sewell and Martha Roby, Congressman Jo Bonner, Mike Rogers, and Spencer Bachus and Senator Richard Shelby's Chief of Staff Alan Hanson.



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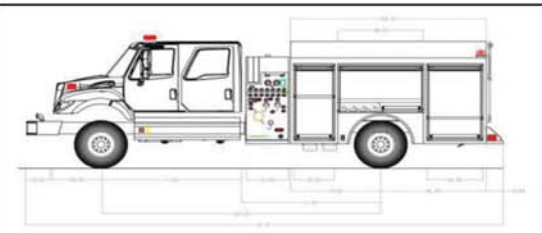
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Friday, August 26, 2011

9:00 am - 5:00 pmRegistration at Grand Hotel
Noon - 1:00 pmLunch on your own
Noon - 5:00 pmVendors at Grand Hotel
3:00 pm - 4:00 pmTraining at Grand Hotel
4:00 pm - 5:30 pmBoard of Directors Meeting @ Grand Hotel
6:00 pm untilCook Out @ Barnwell VFD (Bring your name tag)

Saturday, August 27, 2011

7:00 am - 8:00 amCompetition Registration @ Grand Hotel
8:00 am - 8:30 amCompetition Captains Meeting @ Grand Hotel
8:00 am - 2:00 pmAntique Fire Truck Display and Judging
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9:00 am - NoonCompetition @ Fairhope Airport
Noon - 2:00 pmLunch on your own
2:00 pm - 5:30 pmAnnual Business Meeting @ Grand Hotel
7:00 pm - 9:00 pmAwards Banquet@ Oak Hollow Farm Facility (Bring your Name Tag)
9:30 pm - 12:30 pmSocial Time @ Grand Hotel (Please bring your own beverage of choice.)

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Once again Alabama's volunteer fire service proved what it's made of as tornadoes raked our great state on April 27th. Even though some of our own were directly affected, with fire stations, apparatus and homes of firefighters destroyed, numerous calls for assistance were answered both in local jurisdictions and through mutual aid. Many volunteer departments operated for days on end to help perform search and rescue, evacuate affected citizens from dangerous areas, salvage and protect property, and restore services to their communities. Many others from unaffected areas responded to their neighbors' calls for help and assisted their brothers and sisters in need. The Fire College received mutual aid from several volunteer fire departments, who sent personnel and equipment to us to help operate a major base camp that was established on our campus. Without their help, we simply could not have done what we were asked to do to aid with storm response and recovery. The Biblical parable of the Good Samaritan, found in the Gospel of Luke, has never been more clearly demonstrated than when observing how Alabama's firefighters handled this massive event.

It has been equally uplifting to see how firefighters from other areas have been moved to help Alabama recover. The Fire College has been working closely with your AAVFD leadership, under the guidance of President Chauncey Wood, to obtain donations of fire and medical equipment to help replace what was lost. At this time, we have received

several pallets of fire gear that has been donated from Pennsylvania to the Shoal Creek Valley VFD in St. Clair County, which received heavy damage. We have also received two massive shipments of donated medical supplies that we are preparing to distribute to affected departments. Lastly, we are working to bring a donated fire engine from North Carolina to a Choctaw County VFD that lost all their equipment and vehicles during the tornado. It's our privilege to help return some of the kindness that was shown to us by the volunteer fire community.

We were excited to be part of the reestablishment of the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation event in Monroeville in June. The Monroe County Association really put on a great event, and we were made to feel welcome among all of the volunteer firefighters who were present. This is such a worthwhile annual activity that the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission is pleased to commit to sponsorship of this event starting in the Summer of 2012. We know that this will be a long-term partnership that will bring us closer together as we serve alongside Alabama's dedicated volunteer firefighters. Thanks for everything you do, and as always, please be safe!

See you at the conference in August,

Allan

FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL ED PAULK

This past legislative session our efforts to pass the bill amending the fire sprinkler law



failed. SB280/HB205 failed to make it to the floor in both the Senate and House. Thanks to Senator Brian Taylor, our Senate sponsor, SB280 did receive a favorable report from the Committee.

After the session, we learned that the American Subcontractor's Association of Alabama was opposed to our bill and are taking credit for killing this important legislation. I believe their opposition to the bill is the result of a misunderstanding of the bill. They have three commercial sprinkler contractors among their membership. Our amendment will not impact

their market nor will it allow plumbers to install commercial sprinkler systems unless they meet the requirements of a sprinkler contractor. I am attempting to communicate with ASAA to promote a clearer understanding of our bill.

We have pre-filed our bill in hopes that we can have the fire sprinkler law amended to allow licensure of plumbers with the proper training the ability to install multipurpose fire sprinkler systems in single family dwelling here in Alabama. This legislation will help the citizens of Alabama by saving lives, while benefiting the fire service, the homebuilding industry and the insurance industry.

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On April 27th, tornadoes struck with unexpected speed in several states, and the difference between life and death was hard to fathom. With the confirmation of 244 deaths by state officials, the outbreak surpassed a deadly series of tornadoes in 1974 to become the deadliest day for twisters (145 warnings) since 332 people in Alabama died in March 1932.

Entire neighborhoods and business districts were obliterated in the cities of Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, as well as many smaller towns. The storms destroyed Tuscaloosa's emergency management center, so the University of Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium was turned into a makeshift center. The Alabama Fire College also served as a staging and distribution area.

A few miles away, Eoline Volunteer Fire Department (Tuscaloosa County) was virtually destroyed. About 15 firefighters and family members took shelter in their block bathroom. That is all that was left of their station. No lives

were lost, but several suffered injuries, such as broken bones and other bruises.

Ninety miles north, the town of Hackleburg in Marion County was 75% demolished, including the Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Steve Hood asked for flash lights for the citizens because he didn't want them to use candles that could start fires. "We don't have water to put out any fires," he said.

In addition to Eoline and Hackleburg VFD, also destroyed were Webster's Chapel in Calhoun County, Ellisville VFD in Cherokee County, Cromwell-Halsell VFD in Choctaw County, Johnsons Crossing VFD in Cullman County, Kowaliga VFD Station 2 in Elmore County, and Shoal Creek VFD in St Clair County. Heavily damaged were Tishibee VFD in Greene County, Chalybeate Springs VFD in Lawrence County, Cordova VFD in Walker County, and East Limestone and Tanner VFDs in Limestone County.



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Shoal Creek VFD, St Clair County Chief Vernon White was inside the truck. When the truck landed upside down the windshield popped out and he was able to unbuckle and swim out safely.

District 8 – Choctaw & Baldwin Counties

BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS AID TORNADO-RAVAGED CROMWELL-HALSELL VFD

By: Rick Miller, Staff Photographer

On the morning of May 3rd, a convoy of Baldwin County Firefighters and Rescue Squad members set out to take much-needed relief supplies to the Cromwell-Halsell Volunteer Fire Department that was devastated during the April 27th tornadoes. Just days after the storm hit the area, AAVFD District 8 President Ray Hogans spearheaded the relief efforts by initially responding with two fire trucks, one from his private collection and another one from Pace (FL) Fire Rescue. When Ray saw the destruction first hand, he promised to return with supplies and equipment.

The convoy consisted of members of Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR), Josephine Fire/Rescue, Escambia (FL) Fire/Rescue, and Pace (FL) Fire/Rescue. The supplies included: bunker gear, boots, helmets, hose, ladders, food, water, and even a temporary loan of a rescue truck from the Navarre Beach (FL) Fire Department. County Commissioner Willie Horn was on hand to greet the relief task force members and make sure we were fed before delivering the equipment.

We had all seen the damage caused by Hurricanes Ivan and Katarina. The area looked as if both those hurricanes struck at the same time in this community. I believe the image that will stick in my mind is the chassis of a house trailer wrapped around a tree. I am pleased to report that the mother and small child who were in the trailer were uninjured and able to walk away. Ray promised Fire Chief Willie Bryant and his firefighters that we would continue to assist them and all they needed to do was give us a call.



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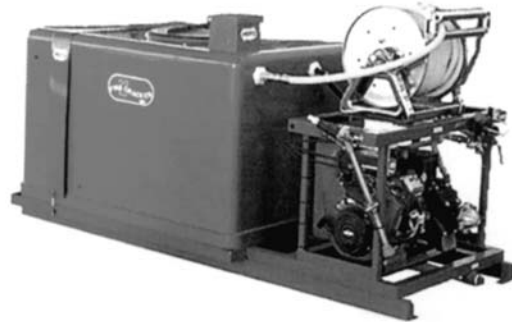
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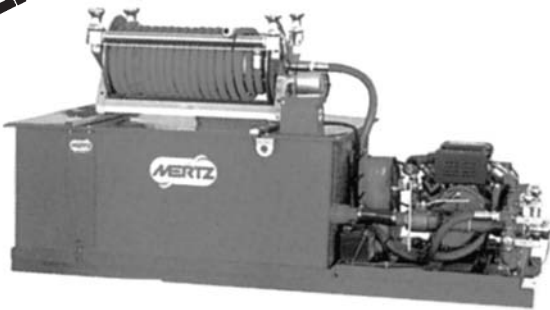


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Mary Louise Speegle Brown, Bethsadia VFD, Cullman County, passed away January 30, 2011. She was a 30-year veteran, serving as treasurer for 25 years. She is sorely missed by her family, friends, and most of all, by her fellow firefighters.

Gilbert Crutchfield, Tanner VFD, Limestone County, passed away April 14, 2011. He was a founding member of the department.

Ronald Gene Williams, Brundidge VFD, Pike County, passed away April 18, 2011.

Jimmy Frazier, former Chief of Piney Woods VFD and Yellow Creek VFD, Tuscaloosa County, passed away April 22, 2011.

Captain Gerald Edward Gilley, Samson VFD, Houston County, passed away May 16, 2011. A member for 46 years, he served as the Department Safety Officer.

Mary Blanche Ward, Moore's Mill VFD, Madison County, passed away June 13, 2011. Blanche was a volunteer EMT and Safety Officer, as well as being honored as a life member of the department.

Ronald Dean Davis, Jr., Midland City VFD, Dale County, passed away June 29, 2011. Midland City Volunteer Firefighters served as honorary pallbearers.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Florida Division of Forestry who lost two firefighters while fighting the Blue Ribbon Fire in Hamilton County, Florida. Josh Burch and Brett Fulton recently assisted Alabama fighting Wildland fires in Baldwin County, Alabama. Firefighters always recognize the danger inherent in their chosen mission; still they choose to fight fire to protect the life and property of their fellow citizens. We have lost two of our "Heroes".

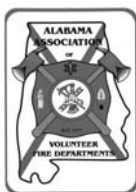
Our condolences go out to Second Vice President Steve Dennis, whose father, Reuben Dennis, Jr., passed away May 14, 2011.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Representative Owen Drake (District 45 Jefferson & St Clair Counties) who passed away June 27, 2011 after a battle with cancer. Rep. Drake was a steadfast supporter of AAVFD and worked closely with Fire Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Richard Laird on fire service legislation. His support will be greatly missed.

If any Volunteer Fire Department (member or not) has a firefighter die in the line of duty or as a result of a line of duty injury (examples: at the scene, going to or from the scene), notify ONE of the following IMMEDIATELY, no matter what day it is or what time of day or night: Chauncey Wood – (334) 403-0301, William Neal – (334) 335-3643, Steve Dennis – (334) 283-2110 or Derrick Gatlin (256) 230-3526.

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