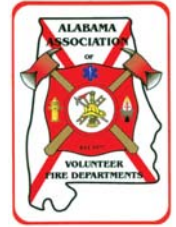




# THE VOLUNTEER



## The Official Newsletter of the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

January – March 2013

### 2013 AAVFD STATE CONFERENCE

The 2013 AAVFD State Conference is sponsored by District 3 and will be held on August 2nd & 3rd in Tuscaloosa.

- \*All events other than the ones listed below will be held at the Alabama Fire College.
- \*The board meeting on Friday August 2nd will be held at the Bobby Miller Center.
- \*The annual business meeting Saturday August 3rd will be held at Hillcrest High School.
- \*The awards banquet will be held at the Bobby Miller Center on Saturday night.

**\*Registration will be \$25.00 per person. Please have it turned in by July 20, 2013.**

**-Registration at the conference will be \$30.00.**

**\*\*\*\*\*COMPETITION TEAMS SPECIAL REGISTRATION RATE IS \$15.00\*\*\*\*\***

-Up to 10 members of the competition team which can consist of anyone on the team including team members or coaches. Everyone must be registered and each team must compete. Events will be announced at a later date. Any questions please call Billy Doss at (205) 247-4996.

- \***HOST MOTEL** - Ramada Inn- 631 Skyland Blvd E.: (205) 759-4431 = \$59.00 *(ask for firefighter weekend)*
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FROM  
THE  
AAVFD  
PRESIDENT'S  
DESK  
BY

*W. A. Neal*

Dear fellow fire fighters,

The first of the new year started on a sad note. Opp fire fighter Jonathan Burgess, age 33, died of a probable heart attack. He was on duty with the Andalusia Airport CFR when he collapsed. I attended the funeral on January 11th. The funeral procession of first responder vehicles (police, fire and EMS) was over a mile long. AAVFD sends our deepest sympathy to his wife and two children.

I forgot to mention in the December issue of the "Volunteer" that Joe Golden had replaced Charles Jackson as Treasurer. I appreciate the knowledge both of these men brought to the AAVFD. We really needed it when a major tax issue came up in February. The issue has now been resolved thanks to the good work of both of these men.

I told members at the Annual Convention in August if I was elected I would serve only one year. I made a commitment in the fall issue of the "Volunteer" to get AAVFD's financial house in order. The later commitment has proved to be far more challenging than I ever imagined. I learned the ropes of being President as I went along. The finances did not get in bad shape in a single year, and I have realized they will not be completely straightened out within a single year. Therefore, I have advised the nominating committee, I would allow my name to be placed in nomination for a second term.

The PFFA sponsored a tag fee bill of \$5.00 for each FF tag sold in the state. This was approved by the Joint Fire Council last year. This is a means to fund the Annuity Bill. There must be some funding to support the Annuity Fund other than member contributions. PFFA President Steve Pegues and AFC Director Allen Rice had the AFC Burn trailer at the Capitol on 02-27-13. I want to thank District Ten Board member Mike Green for attending the legislature that day. I made a couple of rounds thru the State House. A few legislators came out and saw the trailer. We hope to make this a bigger event next year.

As of the date of this letter, the General Fund Budget has passed the Senate and gone to the house. General Fund agencies were level funded. If the House concurs this will mean rural VFD's will receive about the same funding as received this fiscal year. The only difference is the Ala Forestry Commission Steering Committee has recommended that the funds be disbursed with one check instead of two as was the case this year. The funding may be slightly reduced if Tobacco arbitration funds are not received.

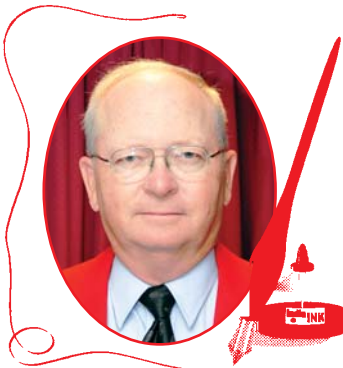
By the time you read this letter, AAVFD will have lost Whitney McClelland as our Executive Assistant. She has resigned effective 03-29-2013. She has taken another job closer to home that has a benefits package. I wish her well and will really miss the good work she has done. The AAVFD does not have a benefits package and simply cannot afford one. The filling of Sandy Mott's shoes for the long term may be a difficult task for this Association. I am currently planning to be in Montgomery one full day a week. Corey Carr will be there for a few hours in the morning. This is dependent on his college class schedule. I am putting out feelers to the fire service in the Montgomery metro area for someone in the fire service family who may need a job. This could take a while. If you call the office after 04-01-13 and get the answering machine, please feel free to call my home phone at 334-335-3643. I will return your call sometime within a day or so.

The Next Board meeting is scheduled for 04-20-13 in Wetumpka. The Board has been kept informed of every major issue that has come through the office. The members have been very supportive.

Please check to see if your department or county association has paid their dues. There are about 100 VFDs that have not paid their dues as of the above date.

Be safe, careful, and always remember "everybody goes home" includes you.

*Yours truly,  
W.A. Neal  
President*







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A  
LETTER  
FROM  
THE  
ALABAMA  
FIRE  
COLLEGE'S  
ALLAN RICE



"We are looking forward to once again hosting the AAVFD conference and competition this summer at the Alabama Fire College. This is a great opportunity for us to spend time with volunteer firefighters from across our state and allow them to experience the fantastic training facility that we've been provided with here in Alabama. We hope that you will be able to join us for what has become a very exciting event here on campus.

As we all work to meet the challenges facing us due to current economic conditions, it makes me wonder sometimes if we are keeping our priorities in the correct order. Are we continuing to maintain our safety standards, or have we let these slip because the cost seems to be too high? This is a question that we have asked ourselves here at AFC. While it might seem that cutting corners on safety will save money in the short run, the truth is that one accident, injury, or line of duty death can be extremely costly. This is true not only in terms of money, but in terms of pain, suffering, and the death or disability of our fellow firefighters. We encourage each department in Alabama, when funding cuts are necessary, to try to focus on our main priority - our personnel. Even though fuel, equipment, and other things are consuming most of our budgets at this point in time, we have to maintain an emphasis on training, safety, and the well-being of our people.

As always, remember that the regional coordinators are here to assist you with any training needs that you might have. All of our regional coordinators have also been trained to assist a local fire department or county association in the unfortunate event of a line of duty death in your community. For the surviving family of a fallen firefighter, it is critically important that the correct paperwork and procedures are started immediately following the incident so the long-term benefits can be preserved. Although this is not the first thing on everyone's mind when this type of tragedy occurs, it is very necessary for this to happen as quickly as possible for the long-term benefit of the families. Although our regional coordinators will never try to take over the event, they are trained, prepared, and ready to assist you in your department in case the unthinkable happens."

Yours in service,  
*Allan Rice*



*Alabama Fire College & PFFA sponsored Fire Fighter Appreciation Day for Legislators in support of funding for the Annuity Bill.*



## PIKE ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT SOUNDS THE ALARM FOR APPRECIATION TIME

The Pike Road Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary coordinated the annual Appreciation Dinner for the Pike Road Firefighters on February 23, 2013. Firefighters were honored for their many hours they willingly donate throughout the year protecting and serving the Town of Pike Road and surrounding communities.

Guest Speaker for the event was Siran Stacy. Stacy said “the fire department provides a valuable service to the community.” Stacy praised the 49 members of the department for their commitment to make the community a safer place to live. He also urged each member to continue their service and training to become more sufficient in their positions.

Other dignitaries in attendance included Pike Road Mayor Gordon Stone, Town Clerk Charlene Rabren and County Commissioner Reed Ingram.

Pike Road Fire Chief, Mike Green, took a moment to recognize all firefighters in attendance. Chief Green recognized the ladies auxiliary for their hard work and support to the Department and Community for the past four years and for coordinating the dinner.

Chief Green presented several firefighter awards during the occasion. The following firefighters were honored during the event.

Outstanding Service Award was presented to Josh Peacock. Josh has been volunteering with the Department for two years. Josh answered “the call” one hundred thirty six times in 2012. Josh is dedicated to the department in which he serves and is very involved in training and station maintenance.

The Chiefs Award was given to Andrew Parker. Andrew has been with the Department for three years. Andrew recently graduated from the Alabama Fire College Bridge Program and is a career firefighter. Andrew is always willing to go the extra mile. He is involved in the Department's training and station maintenance. Andrew is a great

example for all to follow.

Brantley Greene was named the 2012 Pike Road Firefighter of the Year. Brantley began volunteering with the Department in 2011. He is a firefighter/EMT with the Department. Greene coordinated the first Alabama Stair Climb in Montgomery, Alabama on September 9, 2012. Plans are already under way for a 2013 stair climb. He was also instrumental in the Department participating in the MDA boot drive.

This annual event is one of the small ways of showing gratitude to the men and women of the Pike Road Fire Department for their dedicated service to the Community. If you are interested in joining this dedicated group, please contact Fire Station #1/headquarters at (334)271-1048 or visit our website at [www.pikeroadfire.com](http://www.pikeroadfire.com) for further information.



## STATE OF ALABAMA AUXILIARY

Auxiliaries are found in fire departments throughout the United States. The State of Alabama Auxiliary is coming together and continues to move forward. The auxiliary is a volunteer organization that is a subdivision of the AAVFD. Our doors are open to both men and women. Meetings are held in conjunction with the board meetings and the annual conference. The Auxiliary is family oriented and we are working to accomplish several goals and have made several friendships.

The third meeting occurred on Saturday, January 26, 2013. The group of dedicated members continues to work

in getting the program running and organizational missions completed. The group discussed actions needed to begin potential projects.

Please mark your calendars and join us at the next auxiliary meeting, which will be held on April 20th at 10:00am Elmore County Training Facility. The auxiliary will also meet during the annual conference in Tuscaloosa at the Alabama Fire College on August 3 & 4. We are focused on creating membership. We are planning to hold our first fund raising event. More information will be forthcoming.

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## LAUDERDALE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS HOSTED 35TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Lauderdale County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments hosted its 35TH annual awards banquet on Saturday, February 9th at Cross Point Church of Christ in Florence. World-Award Winning Comic Ventriloquist Steve Brogan from Charlotte, North Carolina provided entertainment for the evening.

Nicky Kavich (Waterloo VFD) was recognized for more than 5 years of service to the association as a past board member of the LCAVFD. Nicky Kavich was also recognized with a special appreciation plaque for his service and dedication as Fire Prevention Officer for LCAVFD.

For the fifth consecutive year, Municipal Emergency Services (MES) presented the Fire & Life Safety Day Extrication Award to the Underwood-Petersville Volunteer Fire Department.

Thornton Farms, DC Thornton (owner), of Rogersville was recognized as the Small Business Supporter of the Year and Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Florence was recognized as Business Supporter of the Year.

Dwight Bogus (Cloverdale VFD) was presented with the Parking Attendant of the Year award for his involvement with the association's 17th annual parking fundraiser at the North Alabama State Fair.

Steve McEachron, of the Alabama Forestry Commission, presented Zip City VFD with the Smokey Bear Award, which is based on the department's training, fire control, fire prevention, equipment maintenance, and cooperation.

Jim Hulsizer (Mid-Lauderdale VFD) was awarded the Individual Fire Prevention Award. Kim Kavich (Waterloo VFD) was presented with the Ladies Auxiliary Individual of the Year. Terry Whitehorn (Lexington VFD) was presented with the EMS Star of Life Award.

The Fire Chief of the Year award was presented to Fire Chief Wesley Smith (Central VFD) for exceptional contributions over the past year. The "People's Choice Award," also known as the Fire Department of the Year, was awarded to Mid-Lauderdale Volunteer Fire Department. The recipient of this award is selected by the association's general membership each year.

Dylan Springer (Lexington VFD) was named Rookie Firefighter of the Year. A new award category was begun for 2012 for the Explorer of the Year Award. This award is designed to recognize our younger people interested in getting into the fire service. Bubba Pendergrass (Waterloo VFD) was named The Explorer of the Year for 2012.

The final award that was presented was Firefighter of the Year Award. This year's award presentation was extremely

special and emotional for all present. The firefighter awarded the 2012 Firefighter of the Year Award was Mrs. Elizabeth (Beth) Diane Childers, from Anderson VFD. Mrs. Childers gave her life in service to her family and fire department on July 11, 2012 during a structure fire of her own home. Mrs. Childers was handing her child and grandchild out the window of the home when she became trapped in the home when a portion of the home collapsed. Mrs. Childers was recognized as a true hero to her community, fire department, and family for the sacrifice of her life to save that of another. Scott Childers, Beth's husband, was asked to please accept the award on her honor. Beth Childers was named the first female Firefighter of the Year for Lauderdale County.

To honor Beth Childers, and any other county volunteer firefighter who dies in the line of duty, the LCAVFD unveiled a memorial plaque, The Lauderdale County Fallen Fire Fighter Plaque that will be displayed at the courthouse. The association wanted to do something to honor Beth that could be shared and remembered by all those that visit the courthouse.

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 2 - 10 Gallon Foam Cells  
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 Waterous 1500 GPM Side-Mount Pump  
 500 Gallon Polypropylene Tank



**1995 Pierce Saber Rescue Pumper**  
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# FIREFIGHTER AND SHERRY GARNER AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

Firefighter of the Year and Sherry Garner Memorial Award nominations are due by June 15, 2013. Do not 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 Tuscaloosa in August. Also, please be sure you mail in your scholarship application by June 15, 2013 to the AAVFD office. If you have any questions about either please feel free to call the office, leave a message if no answer and someone will be in touch with you.



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JACKSON		21 of 22
MADISON		0 of 17
MARSHALL	100%	18 of 18

### DISTRICT 2 MEMBERSHIP

BLOUNT	100%	21 of 21
CULLMAN	100%	26 of 26
JEFFERSON		16 of 30
SHELBY		7 of 18
ST CLAIR		9 of 20
WALKER	100%	25 of 25
WINSTON	100%	11 of 11

### DISTRICT 3 MEMBERSHIP

FAYETTE		4 of 13
GREENE	100%	14 of 14
HALE	100%	9 of 9
LAMAR		0 of 10
PICKENS	100%	17 of 17
SUMTER	100%	19 of 19
TUSCALOOSA	100%	20 of 20

### DISTRICT 4 MEMBERSHIP

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CLAY	100%	18 of 18
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COOSA	100%	10 of 10
RANDOLPH	100%	17 of 17
TALLADEGA		6 of 15
TALLAPOOSA	100%	13 of 13

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CHILTON		4 of 16
DALLAS	100%	15 of 15
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DALE	100%	13 of 13
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LAWRENCE	100%	11 of 11
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MARION	100%	12 of 12
MORGAN	100%	22 of 22

### DISTRICT 10 MEMBERSHIP

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A  
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FROM  
THE AAVFD  
EMS  
REP.  
JAMES  
REGISTER



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Exercise is one way to strengthen and stabilize the trunk. One of the best exercises to strengthen muscles in the trunk is the bicycle abs. It works upper, lower and oblique muscles in the abdomen. We are made to have really strong ab muscles. So exercise daily to prevent back injuries. If you get really sore, take a day or 2 off, and let yourself heal! Very few people injure their abs muscles from over training.

*James Register*

District 10 – Montgomery County

**PIKE ROAD FIREFIGHTER, ANDREW PARKER, GRADUATES FROM ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE**



After five long weeks of classes, eighteen firefighters graduated from the Alabama Fire College & Personnel Standards Commission on February 8, 2013. Among those graduating was Pike Road Firefighter, Andrew Parker.

Recruits are required to complete 200 hours of formal instruction. That's outside of drills, studies and study groups. The drills and training exercises took place on the grounds of the Pell City Fire Department training facility. The training is both mentally and physically challenging and only those who are committed to excellence survive.

The Alabama Fire College along with the Pell City Fire Department hosted a graduation ceremony in honor of the Bridge Class 01-13. The ceremony was held at the Pell City Civic Center. Patrick Draper, City Manager of Pell

City, addressed the graduating class and attendees. Draper spoke of the importance and dedication of firefighters and the value of the career. Following the address, each graduate was presented their certificates and pinned by their fire chief or other designees. Pike Road Fire Chief Mike Green was in attendance and pinned Andrew. Also on hand for the graduation ceremony was Pike Road Firefighter BJ Green.

Badges and certificates in hand, the eighteen became career firefighters. "It was not an easy task, not all made it," said Firefighter Andrew Parker. The Bridge Program is a huge commitment for firefighters to transition from a certified volunteer firefighter to a career firefighter.

Employed by the Pike Road Fire Department as a firefighter/first responder, Andrew is a resident of Pike Road. He is a 2009 graduate of Macon East Montgomery Academy.



# LAUDERDALE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS HOSTED 35TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Limestone County of Volunteer Fire Departments had their banquet on February 16, 2013 at the Beasley Center in Athens. Approximately 300 attended. Entertainment was provided by Charlie Hughes. Guest speakers were Athens Fire Chief, Tony Kirk and Limestone County Sheriff, Mike Blakely. Awards were given out by President, Derrick Gatlin, VIP, Johnny Pritchard & Sec./Tres., Paige Crouch. Those receiving awards were bottom L-R, Male Firefighter of the year, Chief Jason McMahan from West Limestone

VFD, Female Firefighter of the year, Lace Warren from Piney Chapel VFD, Rickey Moore Memorial award, Jason Martin from Ardmore VFD, Banard Clark Memorial award, Phillip Hastings from Elkmont VFD, back L-R, from East Limestone VFD, Barnard Clark Lifetime service award, Timothy Toone from Owens VFD, accepting the award of Chief, Gary Lovell from Owens VFD, & Training officer of the year. Marty Tyler from Elkmont VFD.





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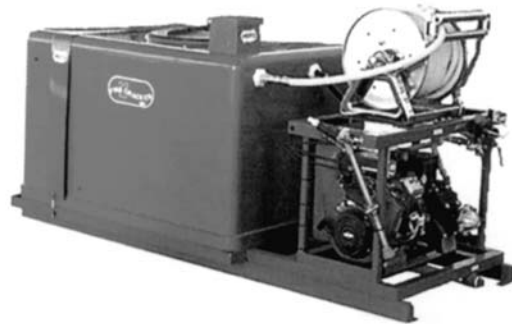
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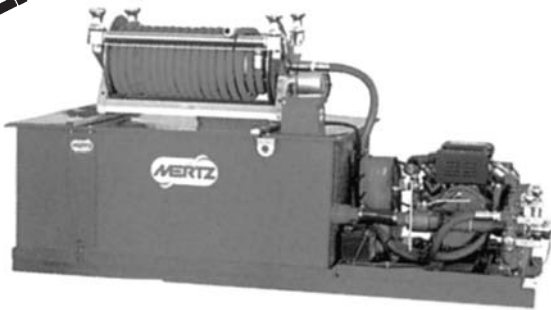
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# THE BELL TOLLED

**Flez W. James, Sr.**, Whitfield VFD, Sumter County. Mr. James was the Assistant Chief of the Whitfield VFD. He passed away November 22, 2012.

**Jimmy Clifton**, Cherokee VFD, Colbert County. Mr. Clifton passed away in December 2012.

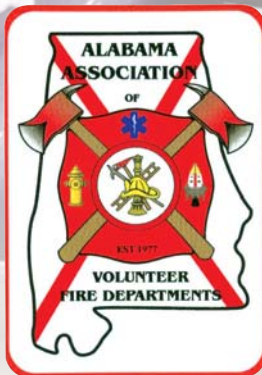
**Chief James W. Parkinson**, McCall VFD, Escambia County. He served as founding fire chief (1983-1984) for the McCall VFD in Escambia County, passed away Sunday Feb. 10, 2013.

**James (Sandy) Sandmeier Sr.**, Killingsworth Cove VFD, Madison County. Mr. Sandmeier served about 65 years in the fire service after returning from WWII. He joined Killingsworth Cove VFD about 20 years ago and was a past Chief.

**Chester L. Bogus**, Underwood-Petersville VFD, Lauderdale County, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

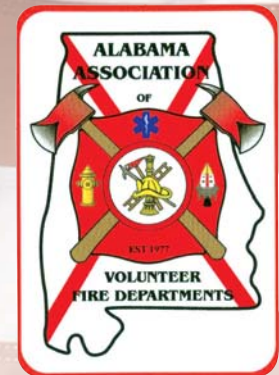
**Flez W. James, Sr.**, Whitfield VFD, Sumter County. Mr. James was the Assistant Chief of the Whitfield VFD. He passed away November 22, 2012 after an extended illness. He became a member of the dept. in 1993 and served 17 years as the assistant chief.

## THE FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER



*When I am called to duty, God, whenever flames may rage;  
Give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late  
Or save an older person from the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,  
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.  
And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life;  
Please bless with your protecting band  
my children and my wife.*

*Author Unknown*



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