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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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From the Desk of the President

Well I think another Winter has come and gone. It has been a long cold and wet Winter at that. Now as Spring gets here we begin to look at a lot of outdoor activities and another chance to meet. Just wanted to remind everyone of the change of date, we will be meeting a week earlier, May 8<sup>th</sup>, in Daleville. I do look forward to seeing everyone. I have heard that something smelly is in the air.

First I want to send my deepest sympathy to Tommy and Melinda in the passing of one our greatest supporters of the Association, Mrs. Marilyn Knight. Our thoughts and prayers will still be with you in this most difficult time. I have waited as long as Gwen can stand but as I write, with all the hope and hard work by Chauncey, our bill still has not made it out of either side. Chauncey will be able to give you more details at our May meeting. Folks, while it is hard and I keep getting my hopes up, we must continue to try to get this passed whether it is this year or the next or the next, it is very important for us. Just take every opportunity to let your senator or representative know. I promise you they will be asking you for your support.

Now, as I mentioned the weather is changing and with that Jason has got training dates set. So please support the association and all the folks that have worked hard in getting these training sessions. You will be surprised what you might get out of it.

The officers were able to go to Windcreek Casino last month and tour the conference area and while we have a lot of work to do in getting all the fine details worked out, I think that all will have a good experience. Please be aware of some of the things that are posted in the magazine and on the website that the general membership have requested of the members attending the conference.

I do want to remind all members to make every effort to talk with the nominating committee, it is your association and nominations will be made in August for elections to be held at the conference in November.

Continue visiting our website and until we meet in May in Daleville, Keep Up the Good Work and Keep Serving Your Squad because you do make a difference.

Matt

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From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Hello Again! It's hard to believe that it's already April, how time flies! By the time you read this we will have had our spring training search class in Walker County and will be close to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting in Daleville on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who helped with the class. I'm still working on some summer training classes and of course conference classes. We are looking at doing a 40 hour DOT instructor class at conference. This would be a week long class. We are also looking at having a basic, intermediate, and paramedic refresher class this year. If the refresher is offered this year it will not be offered at next years conference, we will have these refreshers every other year. For paramedics who have let their National Registry lapse after completing a paramedic refresher course, National Registry will be allowing you to renew your Paramedic National Registry. Also I would like to invite all to an open house at Ider Rescue Squad on May 22, 2010 starting at 11:00 a.m., we will be celebrating 45 years. We will be having a fish fry that day and also be accepting donations as a fund raiser. Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and hope to see everyone in Daleville on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember to enjoy life, train hard, and stay safe!

Jason Heard  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP

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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

In the welcome Bradley Byrne and Joe Faust spoke to the assembly.

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Knight, opening prayer by Doyce Bobbitt. Colors posted by Honor Guard. Debbie called roll with 54 squads in attendance. Due to North Baldwin being on a mission, motion was entered for them to be counted as present. Motion was made by Sartec. Desoto seconded the motion. Motion carried. Crossville Rescue Squad had to leave before roll call motion was entered to count as present. Motion was made by Sartec. Walker County seconded the motion. Motion carried. McIntosh made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Desoto seconded the motion. Motion carried. Financial report was read and approved. Matt spoke about the magazines not being delivered. Due to the absence of Chauncey, Matt spoke about the bill. Matt also spoke about the EMS bill. Danny and Jason spoke about the EMS rules committee. Jason spoke about the training that will be held in April and also about future training. Johnny spoke about the AED's. There was no Rescuer of the Quarter. High Attendance for the Quarter was Peckwood. Matt spoke about the letter that was sent out by surplus, need to send a letter from County Commission. Matt read a letter and a poem that was received about North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue. With no further business the meeting was adjourned, Doyce Bobbitt closed with prayer. Look forward to seeing everyone in Daleville on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

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**\*\*\*\* Attention: 2nd Quarterly Meeting to be held on May 8th instead of May 15th, please plan accordingly! \*\*\*\***

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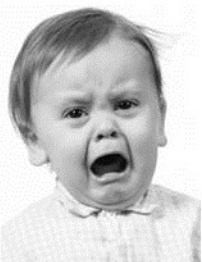
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Registration.....8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Posting of the Colors .....9:30 a.m.

Board of Directors meeting.....10:00 a.m.

Educational Session and Door Prizes .....10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch with Brock Butts.....12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

General Business meeting.....1:00 p.m.  
Door Prizes, Demonstrations

**\*\*\* DALEVILLE AREA MAP ON NEXT PAGE \*\*\***





Ladies and Gentlemen of the AARS,

I am a resident of Baldwin County, where I have lived for almost 50 years. Although not a member of any search and rescue organization, through the years I have become aware of many things that NBSSAR has done to serve the citizens here in Alabama and in other states as well. While I have met some of their members, I cannot say that I am well acquainted with them. However, the things they have done, which are a matter of public record, and the things which are said about them, inspire me and renew my faith in my fellow man while so many negative things go on all around us. Please accept my heartfelt offering for your publication. I see that the AARS will be meeting here in Baldwin county and if you find it appropriate, please read it there. They are indeed the greatest friends of all citizens and are deserving of recognition.

With great respect,  
NBSSAR Admirer

## *Your Greatest Friends*

*At any time of night or day,  
they heed the call; it is their way.  
They come to search and hope to close  
the darkest times that come to those  
who through their fate become the lost;  
their lives at risk, the greatest cost.  
These men that search, and women, too  
define themselves; their hearts are true.  
In scorching heat and freezing cold,  
how could these people be so bold,  
when on their missions, things they see,  
could cause the bravest souls to flee?  
Past alligator, deadly snake,  
the danger there should make them quake,  
but well they know what is their land,  
dense woods and swamps. They take a stand  
and trek on through; time and again,  
the dangers there just make them grin.  
And when their mission comes to close,  
they bring the loved ones back to those  
whose anxious wait on them depends,  
the ones who are your greatest friends,  
that share the loss and misery,  
or by God's grace, the victory!  
The wise, they do not fail to see  
their golden opportunity,  
do not seek fame, which some find odd,  
but through their deeds, reveal to God  
what they know best, a thing so true,  
we are but just that which we do.*

*February 2010*

Dedicated to the men and women of North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue, whose unpretentious demeanor, countless heroic and caring acts for their fellow man, exemplify the spirit of true Alabamians and served as my inspiration.

# Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad

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- [ All ties will be split.
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- [ Trolling as a method if fishing is prohibited.
- [ NO alcoholic beverages allowed at tournament.
- [ Boat number must be turned in by stated quitting time in the designated area.
- [ Life vest must be worn while gasoline outboard in operation.
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## WARNING – STAY BACK 100 FT.

South Lamar Rescue Squad

By: Bruce Patrick

Greetings from the west in South Lamar County at the Mississippi state line. We are South Lamar Rescue Squad operating an all volunteer with 22 members. We provide the BLS emergency ambulance and rescue service for the south end of Lamar County. During these days we all need to do our best to control cost and preserve our vehicles. This little idea I will share is low cost and may help you prevent a rear end collision from happening to one of your ambulances.

You can put on a stick on warning sign on the back of your ambulance titled "WARNING STAY BACK 100 FT." This sign can be purchased from any NAPA Auto Parts store in Alabama. The part number for this sign is 7707469 and the price is \$ 7.89.

The picture of one of our ambulances shows a good place to stick it on drivers side of ambulance back. Just how will this save you an accident and possible crew injury from a rear end collision? By displaying this sign you are giving a warning that a safe following distance behind your vehicle is 100 FEET. It may be the one statement that makes that tailgater think twice and back off to give you some room. That warning that makes that family member following to close behind you to back off some. And prevent the accident we never want to occur. The one where our ambulance has to stop quick to avoid an accident in the front. Only to get hit in the rear end by a car that was following too close to your ambulance.

If you decide to put this "WARNING STAY BACK 100 FT." on your ambulances here is some information you can put in your local newspaper to promote the awareness of the dangers of vehicles following to close behind you. Take a picture of the rear of your ambulance with the sign on it. Put the picture in the newspaper along with a write up like below.

Emergency vehicles like fire trucks, law enforcement and ambulances often have to travel at a higher speed above the posted limit. They will have flashing warning lights on and use a siren to help get through traffic. Alabama state law requires you to yield to these emergency vehicles. During the emergency run our ambulance may have to stop very quickly to avoid hitting another vehicle. If you are behind one of our ambulances you will see flashing red lights, the word AMBULANCE and our squads name on the back of our ambulance. And you will see a very important sign on the driver's side of the ambulance back. It gives this message "WARNING STAY BACK 100 FT." It is a warning that if we are operating in emergency and have our flashing lights on. Your vehicle should follow "NO CLOSER THAN 100 FEET" behind our ambulance. This is for your safety and our safety so you do not run into the back of our ambulance during a braking action. Behind our big ambulance you can not see what we see out in front of our vehicle and we may have to stop very quickly. This warning is to give you enough distance to stop safely if we have to stop in front of your vehicle.

This is also important if we are transporting a member of your family to the hospital. You are not allowed to exceed the posted speed limit following our ambulance. And you need to stay this 100 FEET back to give us space to move through traffic.

You are not allowed to go through a red traffic light following an ambulance. The law only allows the ambulance or other emergency vehicles (operating flashing lights and siren) to go through on a red light. After other vehicles yield to them to proceed. Following private vehicles are not allowed to go through a red light.

Our attendants are busy providing medical treatment to the patient. If you are following to close and do hit the back of the ambulance, the provability of multiple injuries is very high in both vehicles.

Posted on the back of the ambulance is "WARNING STAY BACK 100 FT." This is a legal warning to vehicle operators following us, to give the ambulance the space it needs to operate safely.

Any emergency vehicle stopped on the side of the road with its flashing emergency lights on signals an emergency condition. All approaching vehicles are required to safely slow down and be prepared to stop. If the road is not blocked, proceed with caution around the emergency vehicles in another lane when clear. If one lane is blocked proceed slowly when you are flagged to pass.

**When you drive on the roads check your rear view mirrors often. So you will see an emergency vehicle operating flashing lights coming up behind you. When you see it give a right turn signal and find a place to safely move off of the road on you right. Do not make a quick stop, blocking your lane. Avoid pulling off the road on hills and in curves were vision is restricted.**





## SLRS MAKES 183 AMBULANCE RUNS IN 2009

The South Lamar Rescue Squad (SLRS) members look back on the year of 2009 and see these facts. Our squad members completed 183 ambulance runs, transporting 185 patients to five area hospitals. Our ambulances traveled 8618 miles and our members worked 1037 man hours completing these runs.

## New SLRS Members

We would like to welcome four new members to our rescue squad. These people want to help you in your time of need. We have Ed Nabors from Kennedy, Rev. Matt Miller and Mary Homan from Millport and Edna Gardner from Liberty community. We look forward to working with these new members. This puts our SLRS membership up to 23 members.

**Remembering Rev. Matt Miller**

The members of the South Lamar Rescue Squad lost a loved friend, pastor and new squad member on January 16, 2010. Rev. Matt Miller was 25 years old when he drowned during a duck hunting trip. He came to Millport in 2006 as the pastor of Propst Memorial United Methodist Church. His friendly active personality touched so many lives in our community. His actions reflected his love for Christ as he ministered to all that knew him. He has gone home now to be with the Lord and live in eternal peace. Our prayers are with his family and friends who do miss him. His memory should be a comfort and encouragement to all that knew him. Matt joined the South Lamar Rescue Squad in December of 2009.

AARS Family  
By Andy Nicholas  
SARTEC K-9 UNIT

A little over a year ago on October 15, 2008 I got a call at 4:00 a.m., while I was at work, telling me that my house was on fire. I ended up losing everything. Losing my "stuff", so to speak, was not that bad, it was mostly replaceable but I felt like I lost parts of my family when I found out three of my four dogs, Honey, Keller and Sarge, had died in the fire.

To say I was feeling down is an understatement. Getting married just nine days later, everything was a blur. Then the phone calls started pouring in. Jason Heard called and asked if there was anything he could do and Danny Butler called shortly after to ask the same thing. Danny also asked if I would be at Conference and I told him I would. First thing when I walked through the doors of the hotel, Jason Heard came up and gave me a big hug and told me to go get a few t-shirts on him. What he didn't know was that those three shirts doubled by shirt collection.

At the banquet after we were finished with our Honor Guard duties I was going to head to my room when I heard Danny Butler call my name. I learned that night that I was with family. It really touched me that this group of people, spread all over the state, cared enough about me to open their hearts and wallets. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for that. In part because of you, a year later we are in our newly built house and life gets better every day.

Finally, I would like to again say thank you for all that was done and, as always, I am proud to call the AARS my family.

**EMT Prayer**

**God...grant me the ability to give  
Emergency Care  
With skillful hands, knowledgeable mind,  
And tender love and care.  
Help me deal with everything,  
When lives are on the line  
To see the worst, administer aide, and  
Ease a worried mind.  
So help me as I go today  
Accept what fate may be.  
Touch these hands, use this mind,  
Help this EMT.  
— author unknown —**

**IN MEMORIUM**

Marilyn Knight  
Guin Rescue Squad

Rev. Matt Miller  
South Lamar Rescue Squad

LASAR ASSISTS WALKER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE  
By Rick Miller, LASAR

Lower Alabama Search & Rescue Dive Team was called late in the evening on March 31<sup>st</sup> to assist Walker County Search & Rescue in the search for a missing boater on Smith Lake. Three adult males were in a canoe which had started taking on water and began to sink. Two of the males were able to swim to a nearby dock, where local homeowners assisted them in getting out of the water. The third man drown. After four days of diving for the victim, the LASAR Dive Team was activated and asked to join in the search. A couple hours and 318 miles later, LASAR was on scene to aid in the search and recovery mission. LASAR was able to provide two divers, a tender and three support staff. Unfortunately, after several dives in the frigid water, our team was unable to locate the missing boater. The Hoover Police Dive Team did locate the victim's hoodie sweatshirt, but no other trace of the person was found. The body of the missing boater was recovered on Monday April 5th at about 1600hrs. He was recovered using a drag line and was in about 105 feet of water. Our prayers and sympathies are with the family for their lost son. Thanks to LASAR members Wesley Rose, James Mahan, Mark Owen, Athena Thompson and Nancy Thompson for making the trip with me and their dedication.



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