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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

First of all I would like to thank the group of Dekalb County Rescue Squads for hosting a great quarterly meeting. We had a good turnout. I appreciate the honor of being nominated to serve you as President again. Thanks for your confidence in all the executive board. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference. Make sure if you are going to take any classes that you register for them. If enough people don't sign up we may have to cancel them for lack of participation. We want to supply training for you but can't afford to have it if enough people do not turn out. Since the state is now requiring National Registry, check out the classes to see if you need anything. Beginning in 2012, if you have had National Registry you can get it back through the amnesty program. This is everyone's conference, please plan to attend and participate in the classes and help make it a great conference. Register for all classes at the conference through **Brian Bailey**. Debbie Tidwell handles the registration of conference, but classes need to go through Brian. **Deadline for classes and registration is Oct. 15th**. I will go back to Montgomery soon for a meeting with the lawyer about ADECA. Hopefully we will get our answer and all the paperwork straight. We will have more info for you at the conference.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hello everyone! It's almost conference time again; hope all of you are gearing up to come and have a great learning and fun time. This year we will have several interesting and very informative classes, look at the conference schedule to see which ones you are interested in. Remember you have to pre-register for these classes by October 15th to insure we have enough people to have them or they will be canceled. The instructor's classes are for everyone not just for EMS but for Fire and Rescue also, they teach you how to relay the information to your students in a most informative way. Also remember to assist in instructing with the new EMR and EMT Basic you will have to have an instructor class. Brian and I had a chance to go to the Alabama Fire College and had a very productive meeting with Allen Rice and their staff. Also on Friday night we will have a cookout with a corn hole competition, this is a fun night for all to enjoy, so make sure you come on out and join us. Saturday we will have the competitions make sure you have your teams ready for first aid; rambling rescue and the cart race; the more teams the better. Let's also not forget our vendors, make sure you go thru and visit them, they always have good stuff out for our viewing. We need to start planning for some training for next year, let us know if your squad is interested in hosting a class. Hope to see everyone at conference, with everyone's presence and participation we can make this one of the best ones yet! Thanks for another opportunity for letting me be your 1st VP again, if I can ever be of assistance to you just let me know, we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead of us. Until then remember to enjoy life, train hard and stay safe!

Jason Heard
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

It's hard to believe it's October already. Conference will be here before you know it. We have a lot of fun in store this year. Between the classes and the competitions we have set up it should prove to be an interesting conference. Remember you must sign up for classes by October 15th. If we don't have enough students signed up we will be forced to cancel classes. We cannot have instructors scheduled on the pretense that there may be people show up to take these classes. So please sign up on time. The rescue challenge and the cart race are always a lot of fun. Get your squad together and build a cart! We always have a few very interesting carts at the competition, and everyone has a good time racing them. The EMS and extrication competition are a great challenge to show your squads teamwork. So bring your members and join in the fun.

Hope to see everyone there!

Brian Bailey
2nd Vice President



FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Third Quarterly Meeting
August 13, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Danny Butler. Colors were posted by the Honor Guard.

Opening prayer by Doyce Bobbitt. Roll was called by Debbie with 63 squads counted. Minutes were read and approved. Financial report was read and approved. Lake Martin Rescue Squad was not present today due to the death of Terry Martin's sister. Motion was made by Ider to count them present. Seconded by Coosa Valley. Motion carried. Motion was made by East Colbert to count Hackleburg present. Seconded by Bear Creek. Motion carried.

Danny spoke about AED's that are being offered by Childersburg Primary care. If you are interested in receiving one get with Danny Butler. Danny also spoke about surplus, they are still in the process of getting everything finalized. We will let everyone know as soon as this is done. Brian spoke about the classes for the conference. All registration must be in by October 15th for the classes. If there is not enough to register for the classes they will be cancelled. Keep a check on the website for further information. There will be a Public Safety Dive class in Lillian the 1st weekend in October.

Matt Knight with the nominating committee presented the nominating committees recommendations for the officers for 2012.

President - Danny Butler

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion was made to close the nominations, seconded. Motion carried.

1st Vice President - Jason Heard

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion was made to close the nominations, seconded. Motion carried.

2nd Vice President - Brian Bailey

The floor was opened for nominations. Motion was made to close the nominations, seconded. Motion carried.

It is the decision of the Executive Board to keep Debbie as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried.

High Attendance for third quarter - Rosalie

Rescuer of the Quarter - Faye Huff - Addison Rescue Squad

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Conference in November.

We would like to thank all the guest speakers for coming out to our meeting and we appreciate all your support.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. Colors were retired by the Honor Guard.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **2012 FIRST QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: January 7, 2012**
- * **The Electronic Version contains the ads and articles and can be found on the AARS Website or by subscribing by sending an email to rescuer@alars.org please include your name and Squad.**
- * **THE EDITOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED**
- * **ARTICLES SHOULD BE SENT USING THE EDITOR LINK ON THE AARS WEBSITE OR TO editor@alars.org *****
- * **Be sure to check the Website regularly for updated information about things of interest.**

The AARS Website is <http://www.alars.org>

2012 Quarterly Meetings:

1st Quarter: Feb 18th - Ariton

2nd Quarter: May 19th - Athens/Limestone

3rd Quarter: August 18th - Daleville

**2011 Conference
November 7 - 12, 2011
Holiday Inn—Decatur
1101 6th Ave NE
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**PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 15TH!
NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 22ND**

**2011 AARS Conference Class Schedule
November 7-11, 2011**

Monday

0800 – 1200	Instructor Course Day 1 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 1
1200 – 1245	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	Instructor Course Day 1 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 1

Tuesday

0800 – 1200	Instructor Course Day 2 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 2
1200 – 1245	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	Instructor Course Day 2 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 2

Wednesday

0800 – 1200	Instructor Course Day 3 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 3
1200 – 1245	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	Instructor Course Day 3 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 3

Thursday

0800 – 1200	Instructor Course Day 4 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 4 Basic Refresher Course Day 1 ITLS Day 1
1200 – 1245	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	EMS Instructor Course Day 4 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 4 Basic Refresher Course Day 1 ITLS Day 1

<u>Friday</u>	
0800 – 1200	Instructor Course Day 5 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 5 Basic Refresher Course Day 2 PALS ITLS Day 2 Urban Search Class
1200 – 1245	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	EMS Instructor Course Day 5 Paramedic Refresher Course Day 5 Basic Refresher Course Day 2 ACLS ITLS Day 2 EVOC Refresher Meth Lab Awareness for Responders

AARS 2011 Annual Conference November 11th - 12th, 2011
Holiday Inn - Decatur
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Friday

Conference Early Registration.....2:00pm-6:00pm
Cookout & Horsehoes (At park).....6:00pm
Karaoke.....8:00pm

Saturday

Conference Registration8:00am-9:00am
Exhibits & Vendors8:00am-3:00pm
General Welcome9:15am-9:30am
Guest Speakers9:30am - 10:00am
Scrapbook Viewing10:00am-2:30pm
Board of Directors Meeting10:00am-11:00am
Lunch11:30am-1:00pm
General Business Meeting1:00pm-2:30pm
Pre-Seating for Banquet.....2:30pm-3:30pm
Kids Room.....6:00pm
Awards Banquet7:00pm
(Doors open at 6:30pm)

Competition Times

Friday

1800.....Horseshoes
Corn Hole Contest

Saturday

1000 - 1600.....Scrap Book Viewing
1430.....EMS Competition
1430.....Special Event by Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit
1530.....Rescue Challenge
1600.....Vehicle Extrication Competition
1630.....Cart Race

CULLMAN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD

By Judy Chambers

Hi, I would like to share with you what we have accomplished so far this year and what we have scheduled for our members. We are made up of a great bunch of caring members that take their job very seriously. Many of our team members are professionals in the medical field and business community. We work very close with Cullman County Emergency Management Agency and the local law enforcement agencies to help support the citizens of Cullman County and any surrounding counties when they have a need. We provide many services for Cullman County, 24 hours a day. Some of our responsibilities include water patrol, storm spotting, search, rescue and recovery and transports for medical patients. Also, assistance in road clearing and food and oxygen delivery during bad weather or when needed.

FUND raiser activities scheduled for the year (completed/uncompleted) are as follows:

1. Car wash
2. Poker Run and Car Show
3. Possum Day activities
4. \$500.00 gift certificate
5. The Fair
6. Haunted Hay Ride and Kids carnival
7. Santa Pictures and ice cream sundaes.
8. We have also participated in all of the local town parades.
9. During the tornadoes we put together a concert to benefit anyone that was hurt by the storms.
10. We worked all of the activities in the parks during the holidays, such as Fourth of July, Memorial day, and Labor Day. Several times we were on duty for several days in succession.

During the tornadoes we were on duty at the squad building for two weeks. We had food that was donated, and took showers at the park. We slept wherever you could find an empty spot, heads propped against the wall, tents in the yard, cots scattered around the room and pallets on the floor. When we had the energy, we passed the time singing, and listening to music.

We assisted the local agencies in clearing the roads, cleaning up all of the destroyed buildings, delivering food, clothes, medical supplies, transports, and helped get items donated for the National Guard personnel who were on duty.

We want to thank all of our fellow AARS members that came to Cullman and helped us out during our time of tragedy. We also want to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and prayers.

Several times this year already we have assisted in a missing person and a couple of water fatality searches.

We have training programs going on all the time, this keeps us up to date on the latest information and keeps our members ready for action.

We are committed to having a get to gather every month, this builds team spirit, morale and it's fun. We have planned football parties, bon fires, holiday parties and several other themes. Everyone brings food and has a good time. When we have an activity planned, I gather, edit, and print all of the fliers for each event.

This is a great squad. and I would love for us to shine in the community. I want people to know who we are, what we do and what we sacrifice in sharing our lives with them. We are a good team and we all want to make a difference in our home town.

Please help Cullman County Rescue Squad members reach out to the public, do so by informing them what the squad is here for. Public Relations is everyone's responsibility. So lets get the word out that we are here to stay, our sleeves rolled up and ready to help those that need us most.

I am pleased that we all have understanding family members supporting our cause. Everyday we have to depend on them to take care of the kids and our homes while we are out serving the community.

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Together We Can Make A Difference**

Scrapbook Rules

1. All entries **MUST** pertain to the Squad or Squad members and must be in neat form.
2. All scrapbook material must be from the current year.
3. Scrapbook must be bound. No entry will be accepted with the pages just stapled together.
4. All photos must be identified as to who is in the picture and what activity is shown. **PICTURES OF VICTIMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN ANY FORM.**
5. All entries must be displayed by 10:00am, November 12th, and remain until 4:00PM.
6. The decision of the judges shall be FINAL.

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