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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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From the Desk of the President

Happy Spring everyone! Hope all are doing well. Many squads have been staying busy, thanks for all your dedication to helping others. Let the community see you out working and serving. This is a good time of the year to get out and recruit new members. I am still working on the survey forms that were sent out to you. Several squads have completed the EMR class, thanks to all the instructors for the hard work you put into this class and thanks to all that took the class to help make your squad a better one to serve your community. It's not too early to start thinking about conference and the classes you want to have there. I hope to see everybody May 11<sup>th</sup> at Alexander City for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting. Also remember this is your magazine make sure to send all your squad news and events in so we can share it. It's getting warm so you can get out and enjoy the weather, spend time with the family and enjoy them. Until next time remember to stay safe, train hard and enjoy life.

Jason Heard  
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Well the 2nd quarterly meeting is almost upon us. The year is flying on by. Can't wait to be at Lake Martin again, we always have a good time when we are there. The people from that area are very gracious and hospitable. We would like to welcome South East Shelby County and Tallaco K-9 unit to our AARS Family. I think they will both be an asset to our organization. I would like to thank Chauncey and Jimmy for their hard work in Montgomery trying to get our bills passed. I would also like to thank Lite 96.9 for writing and distributing our PSA for THE VOLUNTARYCHECK OFF on the income tax form. Maybe that will bring in a few dollars for squads. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Remember this is your organization so get involved and make a difference!

Brian Bailey  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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## Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting February 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Jason Heard. Colors posted by the Honor Guard. Opening prayer by Leon Hufstetler. Welcome by Heath Clark of Louisville Fire & Rescue.

Roll was called with 48 squads represented. Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was made by Ider Rescue Squad. The motion was seconded by Sartec -9 Unit. Motion carried.

Financial Report was read. Motion was made to accept the reading of the financial report by Union Rescue Squad. The motion was seconded by Green's Crossroads VFD. Motion carried.

Jason asked everyone to fill out the survey that was mailed out to each squad and to get it sent back in.

Jason asked Chauncey Wood to speak about our bills.

Our bills are as follows:

- HB92 passed the House—going to Senate
- HB97 – is the surplus bill – it is being sponsored by John Merrill – Tuscaloosa County
- HB98 –Ad Valorum voluntary check-off – it is being sponsored by John Merrill- Tuscaloosa County
- HB145 – Constitutional Amendment
- HB146-Trailer Fee
- Lodging Tax I to be sponsored by Richard Vaughn – Walker County

Chauncey also spoke about the child labor laws.

Brian presented two new squads:

- Southeast Shelby County Rescue Squad. Motion was made by Clay County Rescue Squad to accept. The motion was seconded by Desoto Rescue Squad. Motion carried.
- Tallaco K-9 Unit. Motion was made by Union Rescue Squad to accept. The motion was seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Brian announced that the PSA about the check-off on the State Income Tax has been picked up by 26 radio stations so far.

Matt spoke about the EMR courses. Anyone with questions about the courses needs to contact Matt.

The September training will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September –location to be announced.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to Michael Hardy from Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad.

High Attendance for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – Lake Martin Search and Rescue

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting has been changed to the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

Jason presented a certificate to Louisville Fire and Rescue for hosting the Quarterly meeting.

Thanks to Louisville Fire and Rescue for providing lunch.

Motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to adjourn. The motion was seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

The colors were retired by the Honor Guard.

Meeting was adjourned.

Cullman County Rescue Squad  
Judy Chambers

Wow! I can't believe how fast this year is going by already. Hope this finds everyone doing okay or better. We have had a few health issues with some of our squad members but with lots of prayer they are still here. Don't know what we would do without some of them. They are the greatest people and I guess God sees that. We have been so busy since Christmas has gone.

We had members out working every day with the damage done when the storms came through. And you know what? It feels so good when you are recognized for that and you hear the neighbors bragging on you even when their homes are gone. That's why I do this. For the people.

We had quite a few members to go through the dive class that was offered here. Soon they will be able to put their skills to work. They have really enjoyed it. They also got to go out on a search for a missing person in the water which kept them busy for a few days.

We have been doing really well with our medical transports. In fact we are doing so good that we have had to get a squad member to stay at the building because it is an all day job. Sometimes it takes 2 coming and going.

We have done really well this year with our picture fundraiser. The photographer does a really good job. We have a big fundraiser coming up in August that should go over really well for us. I'm looking forward to that one. Should be a lot of fun. I'll let you know more on that one later.

We are also getting ready to start working the parks and water for all of the summer events coming up because it is really fixing to get even busier around here.

Been trying to find grants for the radios since everyone is going digital. So if you know of one please let us know.

Won't be long until quarterly meeting and conference again. We can't wait to see everyone. It's going to be so much fun.

Well I guess that's about it for now. Time to get ready for our safety expo coming up.

Until we meet again get your training in,  
Stay safe and we'll see you soon.



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2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting  
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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.
Lunch .....	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
General Business meeting.....	1:00 p.m.

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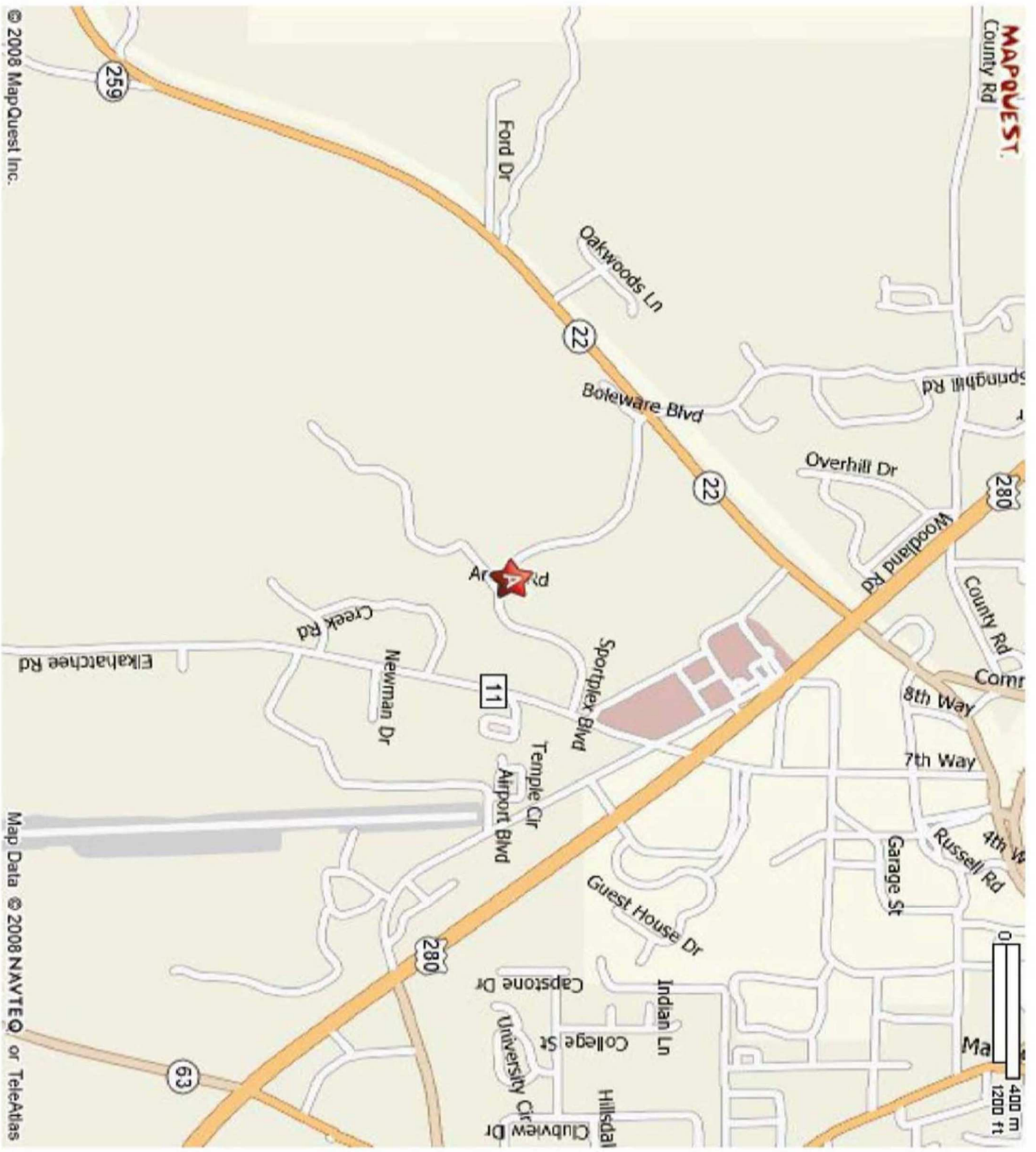
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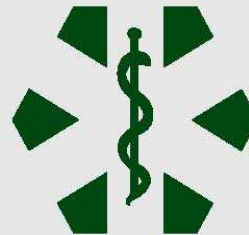
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