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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Seems like we just got done with conference and here it is another year. I would like to say thanks to all who made the 2013 conference a success. It takes everybody working together to make it work! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for allowing me to serve another year as your president, I would like to see a lot of good things coming from your squads this year. If you need anything feel free to call or text (works best) and I will do my best to get you what you need. Remember this is your Association and you get out of it what you put in it. Let's try to keep up on training so you can serve your communities to the best of your ability. Don't forget the magazine! Let's make sure to get your articles in so others will know what is going on in your squads. We had our first officers meeting on Jan. 13th and we discussed several things that will be happening this year. We will discuss some of this at our first quarterly meeting in February in Dekalb County. Hope to see everyone there! Until then, remember family is important take time for them. Stay safe, train hard, and enjoy life.

Sincerely,

Jason Heard
President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Time for me to start the year off right saying it is going to be a challenge to come back into office again. It was a nice break for the year I had off from the executive board. I am ready to come back with a new year and hope to bring some new ideas. As we all know we have some challenges in front of us, money is always the big topic and we can expect that. I hope the surplus deal will help us out and we as a whole will need to take advantage of this but not misuse it to the point it ruins it all for everybody. I have a meeting set up with surplus to, let's say, iron out the details and hope to have it all in place by the quarterly meeting in February. Training will be a big deal this year as we like to put in place training days during the year. We hope to see you in Fort Payne in February, it will be cool so dress warm and come on up.

Danny Butler
2nd Vice President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Well it's time to start a new year. Myself and the other officers of the AARS appreciate everyone's support. It's sad to see Matt leave us, well, he is not really leaving us as he does a lot of work behind the scenes that most people don't realize. He has more in store for us this year. We are proud to have Danny Butler back. (Short lived retirement... LOL). I think he came back to keep Jason and I straight. Good luck on that one Mr. Butler! No seriously, Danny has always done a great job working for the AARS and will continue to do so.

Remember, we need your input. This is your Association so get involved and make a difference. We would like some ideas now on the annual training. Call one of the officers and give us your input. The HCRU already has training up on our website so check it out. Would love to see more squads attend our classes!

Hope to see you at the first Quarterly Meeting!

Brian Bailey
1st Vice President



FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

4th Quarterly Meeting / Conference 2013

November 9, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Jason Heard.

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren.

Speakers: Greg Robinson with AEMA
Rep. John Merrill
Rep. Richard Laird

Jason welcomed everyone to the 2013 conference.

Roll was called with 64 squads represented.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Geraldine Rescue Squad.

Seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Financial report was read. Motion by Daphne to accept, seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

Brian read a new application on K9 Specialty Services of Alabama. Motion to table this application by McIntosh. Seconded by Daphne.

After discussion on tabling this application and a vote was made, the motion died. Motion to approve by Autauga County, seconded by SARTEC. Motion was carried to approve.

Matt spoke about September training and also the conference training. There was no Rescuer of the Quarter for the 4th quarter. High attendance for the 4th quarter is Cullman County.

There was a discussion about the cost for conference. The training portion is \$15.00 and the meal portion will be adjusted yearly based on cost. Motion by Desoto, seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

Danny Butler spoke about the Lifetime Membership Award being renamed to the Jim McClellan Award. Motion by McIntosh, seconded by Ider. Motion carried.

In the Board of Directors meeting John James with the Alabama Fire College spoke about the EMS Advisory Board. Motion by Desoto to take no stand on this board, seconded by Daphne. Motion carried.

Jason advised it is time to reappoint Debbie to the Executive Secretary/Treasurer position. Motion by Desoto, seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

After discussion about the locations for the 2014 conference it was decided to table until the February meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to table until February.

There is a by-laws change to be made. Motion by Desoto to approve, seconded by Autauga. By-laws change was made effective 01/01/2014.

Chad Singleton spoke about the Alabama Fire & Rescue Instructor Association.

Meeting was recessed and continued at banquet.

It was our privilege to have Lt Governor Kay Ivey speak at our banquet.

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1st Quarterly Meeting
At
Fort Payne City Hall Auditorium
100 Alabama Avenue NW
Fort Payne, AL 35967
February 15, 2014

Registration.....08:30am – 09:30am
Welcome and Posting of Colors.....09:30am
Board of Directors Meeting.....10:00am
Lunch.....12:00pm – 1:00pm
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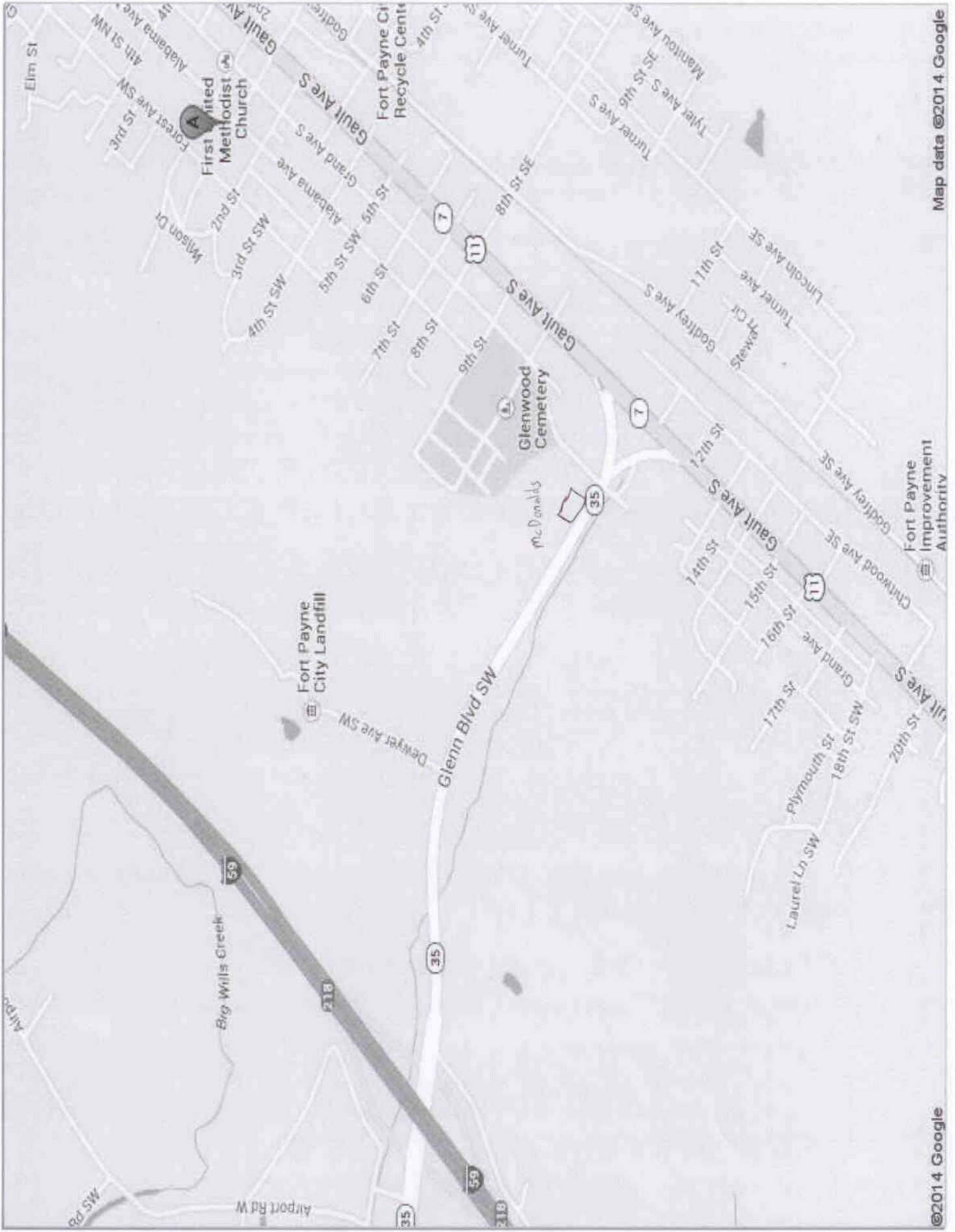
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Ider Rescue Squad
By: Susan Gifford

I hope everyone had as great a time as our squad members did at the AARS Conference in November. Thank you to all that worked to coordinate and organize this event. It could not have been any easy task, but we all appreciate your efforts. Congratulations to all our members that participated in the competition events and brought home that arm full of awards. We would also like to offer our congratulations to Geraldine Rescue Squad for all of your accomplishments. Dekalb County was well represented, not only in the competitions, but also with the induction of two officers from our county. Good luck for a successful and productive new year, to the elected officers and those appointed to the many committees.

Now, to get down to what we've been up to since the last state meeting. The yearly Ham and Turkey Shoot started on Nov. 16th and continued each Saturday until Dec. 14th. The last shoot on Dec. 21st had to be canceled due to rain. In the meantime, we designed and built our Christmas float and participated in 4 parades, winning a 1st place, a 2nd place, and a 3rd place award for our efforts. Ider Rescue Squad was selected to be the Grand Marshals for Ider's parade for the first time. We honored past members by asking them to join us, because we would not be where we are today without our past membership.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, the squad's new kitchen was used to cook and serve over 500 meals to anyone that needed a good meal. To-go boxes were filled and squad members helped deliver over 300 meals throughout Dekalb and Jackson Counties, while another 200 were picked up. This was such a success, that it was repeated again at Christmas, with 200 meals delivered and approximately 150 meals picked up. Mark Young, Deborah Young Harris, and Diane Young Pack, children of the Ider Rescue Squad's founders organized and prepared the food with the help of squad members, area churches, and local volunteers.

Of course, we had our fun too. The squad's Christmas Dinner was Dec. 10th, and I can tell you, we have some pretty good cooks in our squad. The new officers for 2014 were inducted by Deborah Young Harris. We were all entertained by Deborah's stories of Ider Rescue's early years. We held our annual Lights of Love fund raiser on Dec. 21st. The tree was glowing with love by the end of the ceremony. We ended the year as usual with a New Year's Eve party. We all enjoyed the good food, fellowship, fun and games, and ended the night with fireworks. Thankfully, the squad was not toned out, but we were ready if the need arose.

Aside from all the community events, fundraisers, and parties, we have continued with our weekly convalescent transports, and had an average of 2 - 3 daily EMS calls. We want to congratulate Christie Givens and Larry Gregory, Jr. on the completion of their EMT course. Be safe, and we hope to see you all at the February meeting.

Desoto Rescue Squad
By: Michael Stone

Greetings from Desoto Rescue Squad. The 4th Quarter of 2013 and the 1st part of 2014 have been busy for us. We have been working very closely with Dekalb County EMA to enhance both agencies capabilities. This has been a great partnership so far. We recently purchased a surplus vehicle from the Dekalb County Commission and now have a second rescue truck in service. We continue to provide non-transport ALS and BLS first response to our communities. We had our Christmas lunch and had a wonderful turnout, including several representatives from Dekalb EMA. Our cardiac monitor decided that the therapy board would fail, so we had to send it off for repair. That was a wonderful shock to the checkbook. We have a busy year planned for in house training. Dekalb EMA is holding a CERT class that several of our members are planning to attend in February. We are looking forward to another great year providing service to our communities, the county, and the State Association. If we can be of help, let us know and we will do what we can! See you at the 1st Quarterly Meeting here in Dekalb County!!

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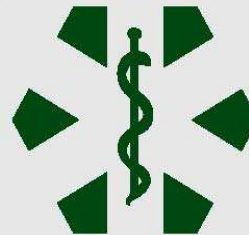
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