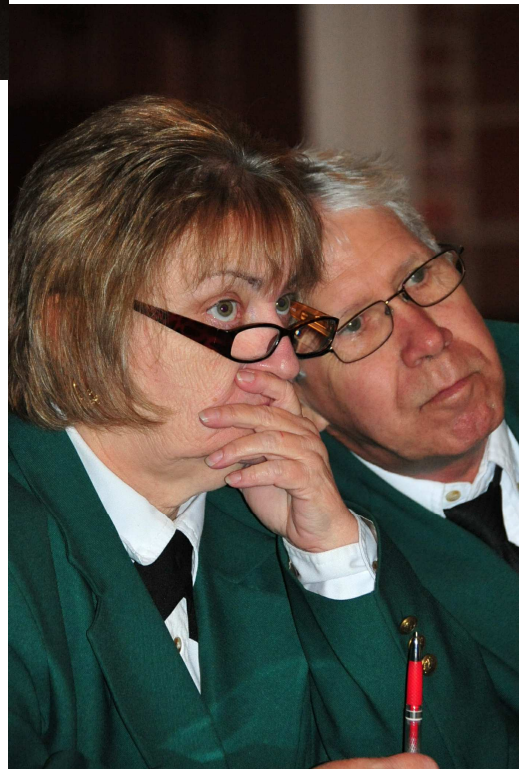


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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Spring has sprung! I hope we are finally getting into warmer weather. Remember, after having cabin fever people are ready to get out and enjoy the outdoors. As people get out enjoying outside activities, we will likely have more rescue related calls. Always remember safety first!

I would like to thank everyone for coming to the first quarterly meeting although Mother Nature caused us to postpone it for a month, but we still had a good turnout. Thanks to Dekalb County for hosting it and the special speakers that were there. We had four new squads to join our Association. Remember to keep up on the training so we can serve our communities to the best of our ability. Also remember to send articles to the magazine so we can see what's happening in your squad. This is your Association and your magazine, you get out of it what you put in it. There has not been a lot going on since the meeting so we don't have much to report. Remember 2nd Quarterly meeting will be in Bay Minette on May 17, 2014. Hope to see everyone there. Till then remember family is important, train hard, stay safe and enjoy life.

Sincerely,

Jason Heard
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Well I can't believe how fast the year is flying by. It's almost time for the 2nd Quarterly meeting. I always enjoy our trip down south. It has been a long and cold winter for all of us and I hope it is nice and warm at our next meeting. I'm not even going to complain if it's HOT!

We appreciate all of the squads who showed up to Fort Payne. We know some couldn't attend because we had to move the meeting due to the bad weather and some squads had prior engagements. We would like to welcome Cahaba Valley Fire, North Shelby Fire, Rocky Ridge Fire, and Goodwater Fire Department to the AARS family. Glad to have you aboard.

We have already had a couple of drownings this year. Let's hope that doesn't set the stage for what's to come. We have a long summer ahead. Debbie has done a great job scheduling squads to help. Remember, if your squad needs help with any mission, just give one of your officers a call. We will do all we can to support you.

We have our annual training coming up later in the year. We need input on what your squad would like to do. It is disheartening to put together a training and have only 10 or 15 people from across the state show up. Let us know what you would like to see. On training, the Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit will have a single rope technique class on June 21-22. Our NFPA Cave Rescue Tech I & II is August 21-24. All of our classes are on our website <http://www.hcru.org> or there is a link from the AARS website under training. We will also be at Desoto Falls on July 12th for our Annual Tyrolean Traverse. Come have some fun.

Hope to see everyone down south where it's warm in a few weeks. Remember this is your Association. Get involved and make a difference.

Brian Bailey
1st Vice President



FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st Quarterly Meeting
March 15, 2014

Colors posted by the Honor Guard, opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren.

Special Guest Speakers:

Sheriff Jimmy Harris – DeKalb County

Representative John Merrill

Anthony Clifton – EMA Director

Representative Todd Greeson

President Jason Heard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll was called with 62 squads in attendance and 7 squads being excused due to squad activities and/or missions.

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes made by East Colbert. Seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Financial report was read by Debbie. Motion to accept made by Geraldine. Seconded by East Colbert. Motion accepted.

Chauncey spoke about the bills that have been presented and are prepared to be voted on.

George Grabyran spoke about the Alabama Wireless Commission.

Debbie reported that the AARS has been invited to attend and do a presentation at the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers Conference.

Brian presented 4 new squads to be voted in and 8 late renewals to be voted on.

Cahaba Valley Fire and EMR District. Motion by Tallaco to accept. Seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Rocky Ridge Fire District. Motion by Ider to accept. Seconded by Calhoun County. Motion accepted.

North Shelby Fire and EMR District. Motion by East Colbert to accept. Seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

Good Water Fire Department. Motion by Choctaw County to accept. Seconded by Athens-Limestone. Motion carried.

Late Renewals:

Shottsville, Daleville, McIntosh, Alabama Fire College, Copeland Ferry Fire/Rescue, Copeland Ferry Rescue, Cherokee Rescue and Specialty K9 Unit. Motion by East Colbert to accept all. Seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Debbie presented the options for conference and after much discussion the membership voted to go to Orange Beach Conference Center.

Conference will be held November 13th – 15th.

Danny spoke about surplus.

Plaque presented to Cullman County for High Attendance 4th Quarter 2013

High Attendance for 1st Quarter – Lake Martin Search & Rescue

Rescuer of the Quarter presented to Mark Butler – DeKalb County

Jason asked that if any squad has a situation where they need mutual add to please call the Association office to let Debbie do a One Call for assistance so there will be a record of who goes to assist.

Colors retired by the Honor Guard. Meeting adjourned.

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At
Bay Minette Civic Center
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May 17, 2014

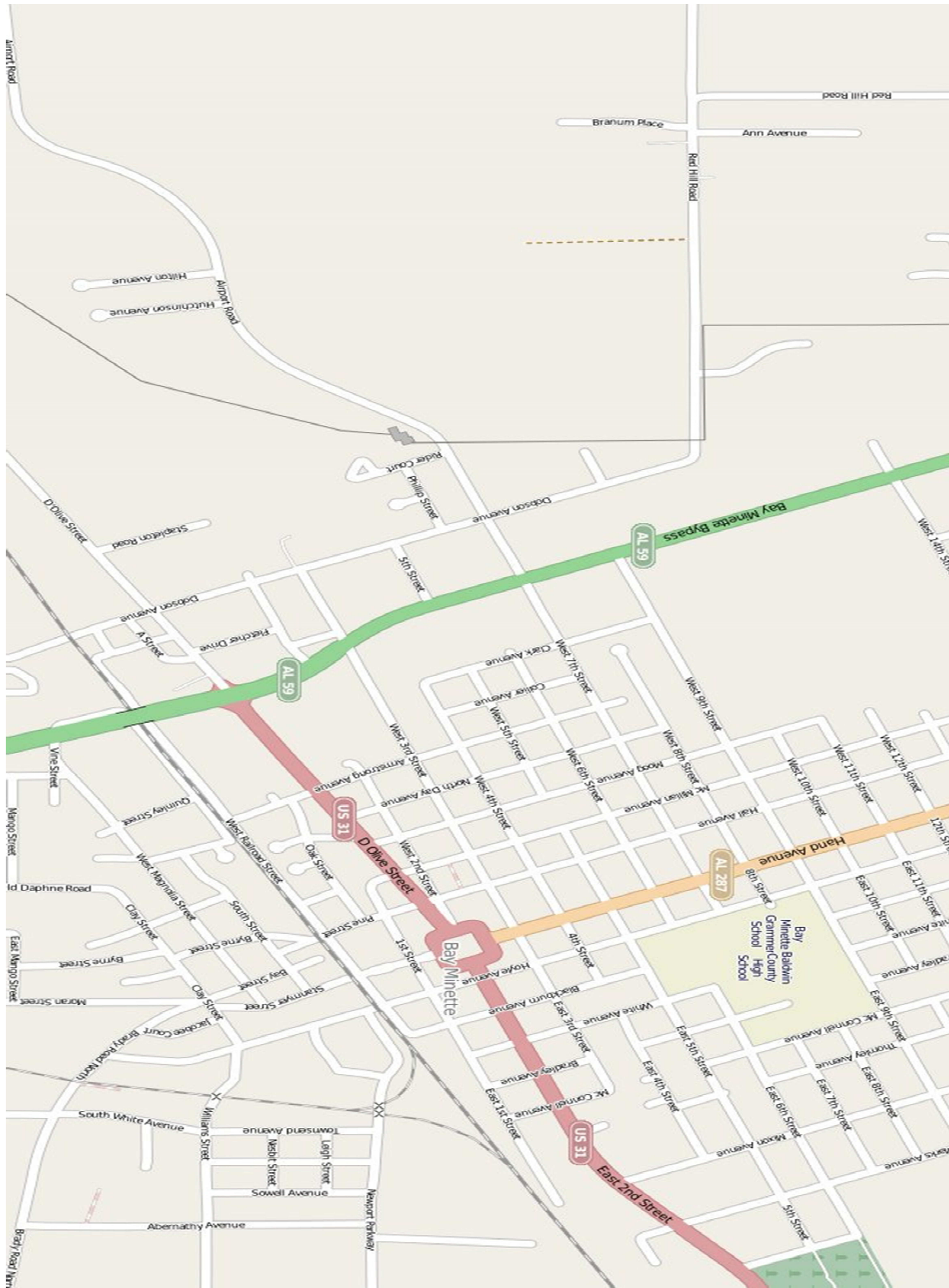
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General Business Meeting.....1:00pm

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Ider Rescue Squad
By: Susan Gifford

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Mr. Harrow regularly attends meetings held by the Dekalb County EMA in an effort to understand what the County Commission needs to do to help those that help others. At a recent LEPC meeting in February, Mr. Harrow announced the implementation of a new notification service powered by Everbridge. This system will replace a paid for service that costs our squad over \$350 every six months.

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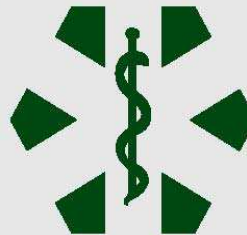
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