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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Wow, seems the kids just got out for Summer break and it is already time for them to go back. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As a reminder remember not to get out and get too hot and to take all safety precautions especially when outside doing rescue missions. As it draws close to schools starting back the school buses will be out so make sure to watch for the kids. Also, this means that it is getting close to the 3rd quarterly meeting time, therefore conference will be just around the corner. Start making your plans now to attend and help make this a great conference, remember you get out of something what you put into it. Are you doing your part? Also if you want to take classes you must sign up, if you don't sign up and we don't have enough for the class then it is not feasible for us to get an instructor. Hope all the squads are staying busy and doing their part in helping their communities. At times other squads need assistance, that is what the all call is for. If possible please respond to this, as it could be your squad that needs assistance next. It takes all squads and members working together to make this a great organization. Also another note please remember this is your magazine, we need articles from your squad so everyone can keep connected on what is going on in your neck of the woods. Looking forward to seeing everybody at the 3rd quarterly meeting in Daphne August 16, hope to see you there. Until then enjoy your family, time with them is precious and priceless, also stay safe, train hard and enjoy life.

Sincerely,

Jason Heard
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hope this finds all of you and your squads doing well. It's hard to believe we are almost to our 3rd meeting. This year has flown by. We at the HCRU have been very busy with training. We have had 2 single rope classes and our 4 day cave class is in August. We would love to have more of you at our training classes. All the information is on our website.

We also had our car show and annual Tyrolean at Desoto Falls. Jason and his wife and daughter (Jana and Bree) attended the Tyrolean. Bree went across but couldn't convince the other two. These two events helped us raise funds to pay bills. Maybe someday we will have some permanent funding for AARS Squads. All we can do is keep trying. Chauncey Woods is working hard like the rest of us to make this happen.

We will offer more rope classes soon so keep an eye on our website. Don't forget about Annual Training in September. Please come and participate.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Remember, it is your Association so get involved and make a difference.

Brian Bailey
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Hello to all, hope you having a good summer and not been too busy. I would like to thank South Baldwin for hosting a great meeting. It was great to see all that did attend. As we go into the 3rd Quarter we have some things going on. We have the nominations' for the Officers this meeting, so get with the nominating committee to make your voice heard.

We will have some more information about the surplus to present and hope to have it finally done with. We are still planning the fall training with a couple squads and hope it will be a good one.

We need to see what you would like for the Conference this year as we plan for the classes. We are still looking for a place to have the AHA classes this time. As you may not know we have lost our contact to get cards and Matt is helping to secure a source to help us out. We hope this will work out in the next few months. I hope we can soon become our own source for health care cards. I hope to see you at the meeting. God bless and stay safe.

Danny Butler
2nd Vice President

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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2nd Quarterly Meeting
May 17, 2014
Bay Minette

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Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren.

Special Guests Speakers:

Sheriff of Baldwin County Hoss Mack

EMA Director: Mitchell Sim

Representative: Harry Shiver

Meeting was called to order by President Jason Heard.

Roll was called by Debbie Tidwell with 48 squads in attendance

Motion was made by Randolph County to excuse Coosa Valley due to squad activity. Motion was seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Motion was made by LASAR to excuse Collinsville due to squad activity. Motion was seconded by McIntosh. Motion carried.

Motion by North Baldwin to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

Financial report was read by Debbie Tidwell. Motion by Union to accept. Seconded by Daphne. Motion carried.

Chauncey spoke about the past legislative session.

Brian had one new squad to present. Walker County Marine S&R. Motion by McIntosh to accept. Seconded by Ider. Motion carried.

There was two late renewals: Notasulga and Sumter County.

Motion by Lake Martin to accept Notasulga. Seconded by McIntosh. Motion carried.

Motion by East Colbert to accept Sumter County. Seconded by McIntosh. Motion carried.

Danny presented Rescuer of the Quarter to Bonnie Samples and Lisa King from Ider.

High Attendance for 2nd Quarter – Lake Martin

Plaque presented to Lake Martin for High Attendance 1st Quarter.



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SHOULD COME FROM THE INCIDENT COMMANDER OF THE SCENE
AND GO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

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* Be sure to check the Website regularly for updated information about things of interest.

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3rd Quarterly Meeting
At
Daphne City Complex
1705 Main Street
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August 16, 2014

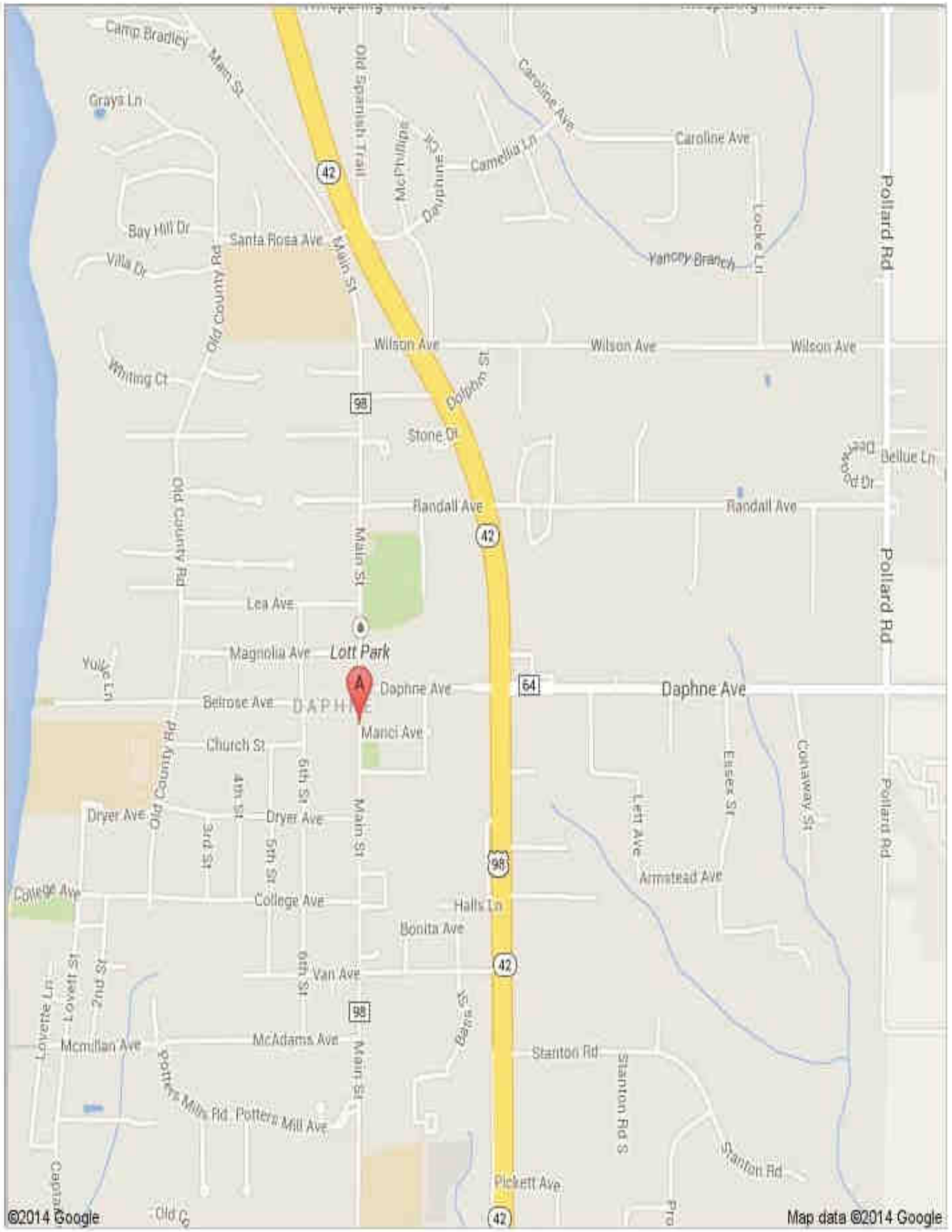
Registration.....08:30am – 09:30am
Welcome and Posting of Colors.....09:30am
Board of Directors Meeting.....10:00am
Lunch.....12:00pm – 1:00pm
General Business Meeting.....1:00pm

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Ider Rescue Squad

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Be mindful of the people you work beside. You don't have to be best friends with everyone, but when you are on a call or in the public eye, put your differences aside and work together. There is no place for disagreements or arguments when a life is at stake. Try to see the good in others, their strengths, and what they are able to do to help your squad. A simple thank you can go a long way in boosting a person's morale and confidence.

Protect your resources. That includes everything from conserving water and electricity, to using your supplies before their expiration date. Do your best not to be wasteful. Take care of the equipment you currently have by doing routine inspections and maintenance. Be conservative with your money. As the saying goes, prepare for those rainy days, and we've all been impacted by those. It's easier to put a little back every now and then, than to have a huge bill when something drastic happens.

Be proactive in your squad. When you are toned out, answer immediately if you are available. Don't wait to see who else answers the call. If you see something that needs to be done, take it upon yourself to do it. If the trucks need washing, if the floors need sweeping, or if the bathrooms need cleaning, pick a task and do it. And for goodness sakes, if you make a mess clean it up before you walk out the door.

Ider Rescue Squad has been blessed with good stewards for over 49 years and it is only by their leadership and guidance that we continue to grow and evolve. We appreciate our communities for their years of support and we want to continue to be a source of pride for them. Thank you to every steward from the past, the present, and to those that will follow us into the future.

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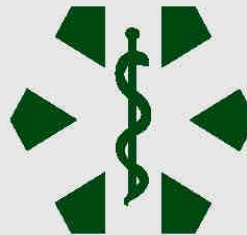
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