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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Well I think Fall has finally come but it seems like we just had our 3rd quarterly meeting. Thanks to all those who attended. Our conference is just around the corner so please make sure you make your reservations and sign up for classes and competitions so that we can all work together to make this another great conference. Myself and Brian had the privilege of attending the TARS conference recently. They had a great conference and we thank them for the opportunity to join them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for letting me serve you as an officer the last eight years, the last couple as your President. We have been through good times as well as bad times and we have overcome many problems. I have met many wonderful people and made friendships all across the state, thanks for making me feel welcome when I was at your squad. Also thanks to all the ones that have helped with my kids while we had meetings, training, and conferences. It really helps when you don't have to worry as much about them because you know they have people watching out for them. They have learned a lot being around the Association and helping others, thanks for helping them have an experience that has made an impact on their lives. I hope I have touched hearts and helped you in your rescue squad, maybe I have made a positive impact on someone that helped them now or maybe later in life. I am going to miss serving as an officer and I wish the best of luck to the incoming officers. I would like to leave this advice for each of you – Remember you only get out of something what you put in it. What have you done for your squad and your Association to better serve others? You must all work together as a team to make the best of things. If one team member is lacking, then it won't be as good. I wish the best for each and every one of you and your squads. Remember to take time for your family, enjoy life, train hard and stay safe. Again, thanks for all the memories you have left me through all the years. Rely on God, for all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us. Hope to see each of you in November at conference.

Sincerely,

Jason Heard
President



From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Well it's time for conference again. I know everyone is looking forward to spending a few days at the Gulf. It should be a lot of fun and a bit different not doing the classes and competitions at the hotel this year. Logistics should prove challenging. The food should be great. They cooked us up a great dinner last year on Friday night. That will be hard to top but I'm sure they will. There is supposed to be an election at conference for the position of President. I have given this a lot of thought since the Third Quarterly Meeting. Due to personal reasons I am removing my name from the hat. I have enjoyed serving the Association and its members for the last 4 years. I have made some great friends in the Association over the years. If any one of you ever need anything I am still only a phone call away. I will continue to support the Association and its officers and members any way I can. Matt was an excellent President before and I feel confident he will continue to make the decisions he thinks are best for the Association and its members. I will show him my full support. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Gulf, and I appreciate all the support all of you have given me over the years.

Brian Bailey
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

As we approach another Conference coming up we will close out another good year. Some good things have happened for the AARS and we all must continue to strive to do what is good for all of our squads and fellow men and women. We have at this point a chance to move forward with our Association and the squads we have. Times are hard and we as the board are working to try to help the best we can. The members we have are the best. I can truly say if I, or we, need anything you as members are there to help us out in the situation we are in. If it's teaching a class or even holding a meeting or providing a space for a meeting it all counts. It is very hard to put in words to express what it means. I have heard some criticizing from others directly and indirectly about what we can and can't do at times. Please remember we are all bounded by the Association BY LAWS and our word.

So that is the bad stuff and now for the good things. All the conference information is posted on the web site and I do thank Mike for getting it all on there. I told some folks we would outline the prerequisites for the classes we will be holding and that is on the web site. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the classes, just call me or send me an e-mail. We may add a class and if we do it will be on the web site. Please be sure to send back all the materials we ask for pertaining to the classes and how many are attending. It is very important we have this on time.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Conference and hope everyone enjoys it.

Danny Butler
2nd Vice President

FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Third Quarterly Meeting
Daphne AL
August 16th, 2014

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

Special Guests & Speakers:

Governor Robert Bentley

Lt Governor Kay Ivey

Sen Terry Pittman

Randy Davis

Harry Shiver

Mayor Dane Haygood

State Revenue Commissioner Julie McGee

Presented plaques for Honorary Membership to Governor Robert Bentley and Lt Governor Kay Ivey.

Meeting called to order by Jason Heard. Roll was called with 59 squads in attendance.

Motion was made by McIntosh Rescue Squad to count all squads present at 1st Quarterly meeting due to having to be rescheduled. Seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Seconded by Monroe County Rescue Squad. Motion carried. Motion to dispense with reading of financial report by Ider Rescue Squad. Seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Chauncey showed slides of some of the boats and other items that squads have been able to receive from different agencies.

Brian had one squad to present for late renewal, Conecuh County Rescue Squad. Motion made by McIntosh Rescue Squad to renew.

Seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried. Baker Hill Rescue Squad changed their name to Baker Hill Fire/Rescue.

Danny spoke about the conference.

Danny reminded everyone about the fall training September 20th.

Danny also spoke about having a spring training somewhere in the center of the state.

Danny announced that Gary Mackey is retiring from ADPH and asked that we give him a plaque of appreciation. Motion made by Daphne Search and Rescue. Seconded by Etowah County Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny presented a plaque to Lake Martin Search and Rescue for high attendance for 2nd Quarter.

Danny presented a plaque to Tony Taylor from Geraldine Rescue Squad for Rescuer of the Quarter.

High Attendance for 3rd Quarter – Talladega Rescue Squad.

Danny presented a certificate to North Baldwin Search and Rescue for hosting 2nd Quarter meeting.

Danny presented a certificate to Daphne Search and Rescue for hosting 3rd Quarter meeting.

Nominating Committee presented their nominations for officers for 2015:

2nd Vice President:

Nominating committee nominates – Chad Singleton McIntosh Rescue Squad

Motion to close nominations by Ider Rescue Squad, seconded by Addison Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

1st Vice President:

Nominating committee nominates – Danny Butler Geraldine Rescue Squad

Motion to close nominations by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad, seconded by McIntosh Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

President:

Nominating committee nominates - Brian Bailey from Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit

Nomination from floor – Johnny Warren Anniston Rescue Squad - declined

Nomination from floor – Matt Knight Randolph County Rescue Squad

Motion to close nominations by McIntosh Rescue Squad, seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried

Mike Tidwell closed with prayer.

Honor Guard retired the colors.

Meeting adjourned.

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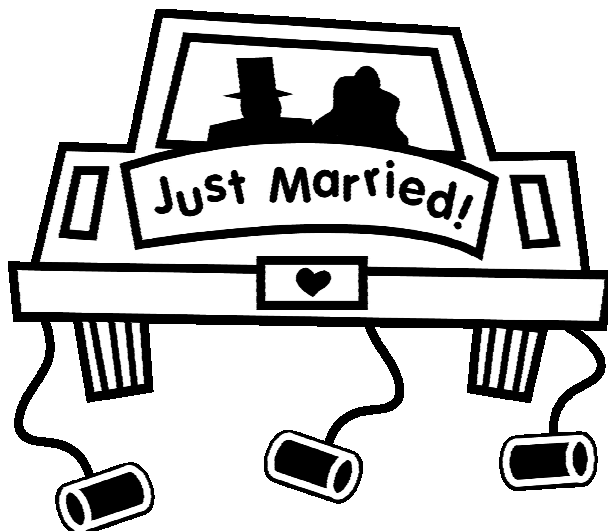
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Special Announcement and Invitation
By Gwen Stone

As many of you may know, Mike and I went through some difficult times several months ago and ended up getting divorced. We have muddled through a very rough four months and have done a lot of praying and soul searching. We want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and support through this emotional time. The long and short of it is that we have, with God's direction, decided we were not happy without each other and have decided together is where we need and want to be. We want to share our wedding with you, our EMS and Rescue family, therefore we will be getting re-married at the Conference banquet on Saturday night, November 15, 2014 and you are all invited to join us.



2014 AARS Conference Event Schedule
November 13 – 15, 2014

Thursday

0800 – 1200	Basic Refresher NIMS ICS-300 ITLS Boating Certification
1200 – 1300	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	Basic Refresher NIMS ICS-300 ITLS Boating Certification (Until 1500) Dragging Class

Friday

0800 – 1200	Basic Refresher NIMS ICS-300 ITLS Protocols & CPR
1200 – 1300	LUNCH
1300 – 1700	Basic Refresher NIMS ICS-300 ITLS EVOC Refresher Diving Class
1400 – 1800 1900	Conference Early Registration Seafood Boil

Saturday

0800 – 0900	Conference Registration
0800 – 1500	Exhibits and Vendors
0915 – 0930	General Welcome
0930 – 1000	Guest Speakers
1000 – 1600	Scrapbook Viewing
1000 – 1100	Board of Directors Meeting
1130 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	General Business Meeting
1430 – 1600	Banquet Seating Assignments
1900	Awards Banquet (Doors open at 1830)

Competition Times

FRIDAY

Horseshoes & Corn Hole Contest	6:00pm
Seafood Boil	7:00pm

SATURDAY

Scrapbook Viewing	10:00a – 4:00p
EMS Competition	2:30p
Rescue Challenge	3:30p
Cart Race	4:00p

Scrapbook Contest Rules

1. All entries must pertain to the squad or squad members and must be neat in form.
2. All scrapbook material must be for 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.**
5. All entries must be displayed by 10: 00 A.M., November 10th and remain until 4:00 P.M. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

The decision of the judges will be final.

If you have any questions Please contact Gwen Stone at (256)364-0150 or email at editor@alars.org
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South Lamar Rescue Squad Report
By: Bruce Patrick

The 28 active all volunteer members of the South Lamar County Rescue Squad (SLRS) celebrated our 40th year of emergency ambulance and rescue service to the people of the south end of Lamar County in June 2014. We had a birthday party serving homemade ice cream and cake for our supporters on Saturday August 23, 2014. Below is a reproduction of the letter of Commendation sent to us from our Governor, the honorable Robert Bentley, recognizing our efforts to help our people over 40 years of faithful volunteer service to the public.

Governor Bentley was not able to come to our anniversary party, due to scheduling conflicts, but he did send this letter.

COMMENDATION LETTER FOR SLRS
From the Governor of Alabama

Whereas, the South Lamar County Rescue Squad will celebrate its 40th anniversary on August 23, 2014 and

Whereas, the South Lamar County Rescue Squad of Millport, Alabama provides emergency all volunteer Basic Life Support (BLS) and rescue services for the south end of Lamar County; and

Whereas, in June of 1974, several citizens from Millport and Kennedy in West Alabama organized the South Lamar County Rescue Squad; and

Whereas, the South Lamar County Rescue is the first volunteer organization in the south end of Lamar County organized to help others in need of medical assistance or rescue; and

Whereas, the rescue squad operates solely on public donations and fundraisers; and

Whereas, the South Lamar County Rescue Squad provides the only public below the ground tornado shelter in the south end of Lamar County, as well as training for the public in First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED).

Now, whereas, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby commend South Lamar County Rescue Squad on its 40th Anniversary.

Lake Martin Search and Rescue sponsored classes Friday October 3 and Saturday October 4 at Windcreek State Park. On Friday EVOC Classes were held with instructor Chauncey Wood conducting the class. Saturday Boating Safety and Boat License classes were held with Alabama Marine Police Sargent Lacey instructing. Later State Representative Mark Tuggle stopped by to talk with our Squad. We appreciate hard working men like Chauncey Wood and Representative Mark Tuggle for the job they do to support Volunteer Rescue Squads.



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