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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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From the Desk of the President

Hope all is going well for everyone..... Glad Spring has arrived and glad it is NOT roaring in like a lion. With that being said please keep mindful that it is Spring and things can change dramatically, so please stay aware and be careful if the need arises.

Much needed work still needs to be done on the Legislative front. Chauncey and Jimmy can only do so much. We are very grateful for the Senators and Representatives that have sponsored our bills. But we as Squads and Members of the local Squads must find time to address these bills as we find out that certain legislative officials seem to forget from time to time that we are a separate entity from fire. So, again, as we post information on our Website and Facebook pages, please do your part and contact them for us. You have the voice!!!!

Now as we turn to our May quarterly meeting in Prattville, Autauga County has worked very hard on making this happen. Lets come to the middle part of the state and have a good turnout and let us officers know what we can do for you. Things have been pretty quiet this quarter from the membership, so I only hope we are meeting your expectations.

Please everyone say a prayer for the family, the squad family, and other rescue workers involved in the tragic events of the Etowah County Rescue Squad mission that claimed the life of Vicky Ryan. It is a very trying time and my prayers are with you all, Etowah County Rescue Squad and AARS.

Til we meet in Prattville.....

God Bless,

Matt Knight  
President

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From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hello to everyone, looking forward to the 2nd quarterly meeting and seeing everyone who wasn't able to come to the 1st quarterly because of the weather.

We have several bills in the House/Senate so check the website for the Bill numbers and make some phone calls, send some letters, whatever you need to do to help get those through. A big thanks, as always, to Chauncey and Jimmy for all they do as our Legislative people.

On a sad note, I want to express my condolences to the family of Vicky Ryan and all her loved ones as well as her Etowah County Rescue Squad Family. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Danny Butler  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Greetings All! I hear that time flies when you're having fun, so I must be having more fun than I thought I was. This year is quickly passing and Conference will be here before we know it. I'm looking forward to great things this year and I still want to hear from each of you. Let me know what classes you want and what you think our training should focus on, so we can continue providing the highest quality service possible to our fellow citizens. Keep working with your legislators as well to help move our Bills forward. Together we can accomplish great things, and I thank you all for the job that you do.

Thoughts and prayers are with Etowah County Rescue Squad and the family of Vicky Ryan after the catastrophic event during the search and rescue mission that claimed Vicky's life.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Prattville.

Chad Singleton  
2nd Vice President

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Editor's Note: Vicky Ryan

I am certain I speak for the entire membership of the AARS when I say we are deeply saddened to hear of the death of Vicky Ryan of Etowah County Rescue Squad. Vicky gave her life in the line of duty in an attempt to help someone in distress. That fact in itself is a true testament to her as a person and to the reason she volunteered. Vicky was a member of our EMS and AARS family and we grieve for her and her loved ones. She will be truly missed.

Gwen Stone  
Editor



# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting  
February 21, 2015  
Athens, AL

Meeting was called to order by President Matthew Knight, opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren. Welcome by Mike Hardy.

Roll was called by Debbie with 30 squads in attendance.

Motion was made by McIntosh Rescue Squad to count all squads present due to the weather. Motion was seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McIntosh Rescue Squad to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Financial report was read by Debbie. Motion was made by LASAR to accept the financial report. Motion was seconded by Lawrence County Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Matt spoke about the officers being invited to participate in the inauguration.

Matt spoke about the Train the Trainer class that several of our members will be attending. In the absence of Chauncey Matt spoke about the bills that we have coming up in legislation. Opening day for legislation is March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Civil Liability sponsored by Tim Wadsworth and Steve McMillan.

Ad Valorem sponsored by Mickey Hammon

LFO-lodging tax sponsored by Steve McMillan

Matt discussed the amount that we pay for legislative work to be \$5000.00 yearly to be voted on annually. Motion was made by LASAR to pay \$5000.00/year to be voted annually. Motion was seconded by Ider Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny had one squad to be voted on, Piedmont Rescue Squad. Motion was made by McIntosh Rescue Squad to accept the application. Motion was seconded by LASAR to accept the application. Motion carried.

Danny asked that everyone be working on door prizes for the conference. Danny also spoke about squads sending in letters for SD1 requesting equipment.

Chad discussed moving competitions to Friday afternoon. Chad also discussed education/training.

There was no Rescuer of the Quarter.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

**ALL REQUESTS FOR AARS ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF YOUR COUNTY  
SHOULD COME FROM THE INCIDENT COMMANDER OF THE SCENE  
AND GO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- \* **2015 THIRD QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2015 !!!!!!!!**
- \* **The Electronic Version contains the ads and articles and can be found on the AARS Website or by subscribing by sending an email to [rescuer@alars.org](mailto:rescuer@alars.org) please include your name and Squad.**
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- \* **Be sure to check the Website regularly for updated information about things of interest.**

**The AARS Website is <http://www.alars.org>**

2nd Quarterly Meeting  
Friday Night  
At  
Autauga County Rescue Squad  
145 West 3rd Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067  
May 15th, 2015

6pm-9pm  
Spaghetti Dinner  
and Bingo

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2nd Quarterly Meeting  
At  
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce  
131 N. Court Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36067  
May 16, 2015

Registration.....7:30am-8:45am  
Welcome and posting of Colors.....8:45am  
Board of Directors Meeting.....10:00am  
Lunch.....12:00pm-1:00pm  
General Business Meeting.....1:00pm

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Prices average from \$45.00 a night to \$175.00 a night

The North Alabama Search Dog Association will be hosting the 2015 Canine Search and Recovery Canine Training Seminar October 4-9, 2015. The Seminar will be at Camp ASCCA near Jackson's Gap, Alabama. Classes will be offered in all search and rescue canine disciplines, and will cover multiple levels of training. Instructors from Wisconsin, Missouri, Ohio and from across the south will be teaching at this 4 day hands- on working dog seminar. Instructors and classes are listed below. For additional information, please check the website at [www.nasdak9.org/CSAR2015.html](http://www.nasdak9.org/CSAR2015.html) or [www.CSAR.org](http://www.CSAR.org)



Our classes and instructors are as follows:

- Beginner Area/Airscent – Catherine Louis, NC
- Intermediate Area/Airscent- Jane Beson, GA
- Advanced Area/Airscent – Denver Holder, NC
- Beginner Trailing – Pat Tuholske, MO
- Intermediate Trailing – Kathi Katko, SC
- Advanced Trailing – Marvin Carter, TN
- Advanced Trailing (6) – Lee Weatherall, AR
- Beginner HRD Land – Lou Ann Metz, OH
- Intermediate HRD Land – Lisa Higgins, LA
- Adv. HRD Land – Dennis Schenk, Janet Anagnos – WI, IL
- Beginner HRD WATER- Janet Geist, AL
- Advanced HRD WATER – Darcy Harbaugh, AL
- Urban Trailing – Pam Nyberg, GA

### THE COMMON FACTOR By Susan Gifford

Do you have a moment to answer a few questions? See if you can find the common factor. 1) It's the middle of the night, and you get an urgent call for help. Without hesitation, you answer the call. 2) You arrive at a wreck, you smell the burnt rubber, see the twisted metal, and even as you hear the hiss of escaping steam, you listen for a cry or a moan, no, you pray to hear sounds of life. 3) You have hiked across the valley and halfway up the side of a mountain, crossed creeks, and climbed over boulders. You are tired and thirsty, you could be shivering with the cold wind or drowning in your own sweat, but you keep searching for that lost person. 4) You ride in a boat as it is tossed on the waves and scan the horizon for that survivor, or sadly, look into the depths of the water for the one that didn't make it.

Have you got the answer? The common factor is you. The truth is that even though each call is unique and every rescue squad is different, we all have one thing in common. We give our time, our energy, our talent, and our heart to those we serve. Our squad may be large or small, we may specialize in certain types of rescue, we may be strong or just barely getting by, but underneath, we all joined our organization for the same reason. We feel an obligation in our souls to help people in their times of need.

Sometimes our families may get frustrated when we are late for a planned event, or don't make it at all. We may leave abruptly to answer a call, and sometimes don't properly say goodbye. Our meals are often cold, waiting for our return. Our loved ones sacrifice as much as us by tolerating the time we spend away from them. But this is what makes us tick, what gives us our compassion towards others, what makes us hold our loved ones a little closer when we get home.

You are a special person. Your dedication to your neighbors is without question. Thank you for all you do within your squad and your community. Take care of yourself, and just know, whether you receive a thank you or not, your service is appreciated by more people than you could ever imagine. Stay safe.



## Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I/II

*Non-certification Class*

*August 20 – 23, 2015*

*Certification Class*

*August 20 – 24, 2015*

Presented by the

**Huntsville Cave  
Rescue Unit Inc.**

In conjunction with  
**Alabama Fire College**



### **ABOUT THE COURSE**

This course is designed to present the most current, specialized cave rescue techniques to those individuals, groups, agencies and others interested in or charged with the responsibility of performing high angle, cliff, pit, or cave rescue.

The course is presented in seminar form, using both classroom and field work stressing hands-on training. The instructional team will consist of HCRU Instructors.

**This course meets the NFPA 1006, chapter 18 qualifications for Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I/II**

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### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Any individual interested in developing the array of technical, medical and management skills required to conduct cave/cliff/high angle rescue. This includes personnel from cave rescue units, fire departments, rescue squads, emergency management agencies, park service personnel, first responders, and EMTs. Individuals not working for an agency are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **COURSE TOPICS**

This course covers all phases of cave rescue and management:

- Single rope technique
- Incident command system
- Underground environment
- Underground communications
- Cave specific medical considerations
- Response systems
- Patient packaging and movement
- Hauling/lowering systems
- Vertical rescue
- Extrication techniques
- Pre-planning and logistics

### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

All necessary equipment will be furnished with the exception of personal caving and safety gear. The following is strongly recommended to allow the student the maximum participation in the course:

1. UIAA /CE-Approved helmet, with chinstrap bracket (no fire helmets)
2. Three sources of light, with main source being mounted on the helmet
3. Sturdy, lugged-sole lace-up boots
4. Rugged outdoor clothing (no turnout gear)
5. Gloves with leather palms and full fingers (work gloves are fine)
6. Soft-capped kneepads (such as volleyball type pads)
7. Personal first aid kit - we will be outdoors, make the HCRU aware of any allergies (bees, poison ivy, etc)
8. Cash for lunches (not all places accept plastic)

### **REGISTRATION: Alabama Fire College 1-800-241-2467**

*Classes will be limited to 50 students.*

**Non-certification course.** This course is \$50.00, has no prerequisites, and is open to anyone. Please register directly with the HCRU online.

**NFPA 1006 Certification course:** This course is \$295.00 (in state) and \$495.00 (out of state). Certification students must register through the Alabama Fire College and meet all prerequisites:

- Rescue Technician: Rope if certified prior to April 2010.
- RT: Rope Level I and RT: Rope Level II if certified after April 2010

Certification students must purchase **ON CALL** at AFC bookstore **1-866-984-3545**

### **LOCATION & TIME**

**Thursday: Classroom Seminars**

8:00am - 6:00pm: Brindlee Mtn. Fire Dept., 4434 Hwy 231, Union Grove, AL 35175

**Friday: Practicals, Single Rope Technique training**

8:00am - 6:00pm: Brindlee Mtn. Fire Dept.

**Saturday: Hauls & Lowers, Extrication Techniques, Patient Movement**

8:00am - 6:00pm - Bring lunch, water & snacks

Bluff & In-Cave Exercises (Plan to be self-sufficient)

**Sunday: Student-Run Mock Rescue**

8:00am - 6:00pm - Bring lunch, water & snacks

In-Cave Exercise & Evaluation (Be prepared to be In-Cave all day)

**Monday: Review and Certification Test **CERTIFICATION ONLY****

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It is with great pride and excitement that the officers and members of IDER RESCUE SQUAD invite you to celebrate with us as we mark 50 years of community service. Festivities will begin Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 1:00 pm with guest speakers from state and local agencies, a memorial service, time capsule burial, and of course, cake! Join us as we reminisce about our past and look forward to our future. The Open House at our Squad building is just the beginning of the fun. The day will continue at the Ider High School with a Gospel Singing, a Silent Auction, and BBQ plates for sale beginning at 5:00 pm. Come for a visit, or hang around all day, we would love to see you either way.

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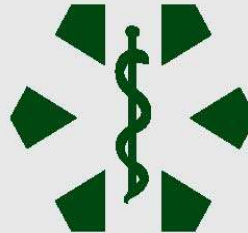
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## Scuba Classes for AARS Members

Thanks to AARS 2014 President **Jason Heard** and 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Brian Bailey** we are now offering Scuba Certification Classes to our AARS members

### Who is this class for?

- AARS members only
- Members who want to do underwater Search & Recovery for their squad.
- Members who want to be a scuba diver.

### Who do I need to contact?

**Bryan Carlton** with Walker Co  
@ 205-275-9287

OR

**James Miller** with Etowah Co  
@256-613-6177

### Class Description

- Basic Fresh Water Certification
- Certification is good for a lifetime
- Classes could be 3 to 4 days (depending on the number of students and location of classes)
- Class location and dive sites must be preapproved by Instructor **Bryan Carlton**.
- Cost is \$175.00 plus Instructors expenses
- Cost includes:
  - Cost of books
  - Certification cards
  - Entry Fees
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- Instructors' expenses will be discussed when you contact us
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