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# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## From the Desk of the President

Wow..... another year is winding down. Many things we as an Association should be proud of and one of those things is our upcoming conference. Again, I can't thank Chad and the entire Conference and Education Committee enough for their hard work in changing the education format and getting a quality agenda in place for each and every one of us members. All you need to do is come participate and enjoy some outstanding classes, networking, and by the way FOOD!!!!!! I am pleased to say that Art Faulkner, our state EMA Director, will be in attendance the entire conference and will be our guest speaker for the Banquet.

On a down side, I was very devastated at the announcement of Talladega Rescue Squad having dissolved and ceased operation. I still must caution each squad that we continue to be in the eyes of our constituent's and we must conduct our squads in the most professional way. That goes for appearance, conducting missions and fund raisers, being good wards of our money, and conducting meeting and business according to your bylaws. I can't stress enough, be familiar with your bylaws and carry them through.

I hope those attending the conference find their way safely to the beach!!!!!! As always please feel free to call on your officers. Til Conference....God Bless!!!!!!

Matt Knight  
President

## From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

As conference quickly approaches, I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone that has assisted in setting up the training for this year. It has definitely been a team effort and thanks to your hard work, everything has come together quite smoothly. I would once again like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the training that is being offered and invite everyone to participate in the competitions. All of our effort has been put forth so that you the members can reap the benefits while also enjoying some time of camaraderie with your fellow rescuers. I am quite excited and I look forward to seeing you all there. I've heard from many of you throughout the year about the training you would like to see offered, and I hope that you all continue to give me input to guide the direction of training and education for the Association. We are already looking at extrication and dive training for next year based on member input. I am humbled by the confidence that you have placed in me by allowing me to serve for another year and I sincerely hope that I can meet your expectations. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that I might be able to assist you with and I will do my best to see them addressed. Stay safe out there and thanks for everything you do for your communities and this association.

Chad Singleton  
2nd Vice President

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## From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

As we are coming to another Conference very soon, I hope all of the fellow squads are well. I'm excited about this year's Conference to see if the changes for Friday night works out. I'm ready to come down and see all of the members. I know it has been a long year and we need to have some good times and relax.

Now onto some business. It seems all of the programs in place are still working out for all of the squads that have wanted equipment. The Eva surplus warehouse has now moved to Montgomery as a cost cutting process. Now we will just have to travel a little farther to get Items. EMT's, it is getting close for renewals, just remember to get your certs after the classes. Don't forget to get your Conference stuff in and please help Debbie out by getting your yearly renewals back in on time. I will see you all on the Beach soon. Be safe and have a safe trip down. I want to wish you a Happy Holidays.

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



# FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting  
August 2015

Welcome by Mike Lambert Chief Deputy Escambia County.

Meeting was called to order by President Matthew Knight.

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Opening Prayer by Hoyt McCaghren. Moment of silence for Ronnie Danner from Ariton.

Roll was called with 47 squads represented.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes by LASAR. Seconded by Desoto. Motion carried.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the financial report by Desoto. Seconded by Athens-Limestone. Motion carried.

Chauncey spoke about the legislative bills and gave his appreciation to the ones that were able to come out to show support for our Association.

Resolution by Governor proclaiming September 27<sup>th</sup> First Responder Day

Danny presented two squads for membership:

United States National Reserve Corps – motion by Union to accept. Seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

Rosalie Rescue Squad – motion by Sartec to accept. Seconded by North Marshall. Motion carried with one nay.

Chad spoke about the conference and the classes and competitions.

Competitions will be held on Friday after classes.

Chad spoke about social media and putting a policy in place with your squad regarding what to post on social media.

Nominating committee made its recommendations for officers for 2016:

President – Matt Knight - Etowah County made motion to accept this recommendation. Union seconded. No nominations from the floor, motion carried.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Danny Butler – Coosa Valley made motion to accept this recommendation. Daphne seconded. No nominations from the floor, motion carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Chad Singleton – Carbon Hill made motion to accept this recommendation. North Baldwin seconded. No nominations from the floor, motion carried.

Looking forward to see everyone at conference.

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AND GO THROUGH A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.**

**2015  
Conference Schedule**

**Thursday November 12**

<b>0800—0830</b>	<b>Opening General Session</b> Welcome and Orientation
<b>0830—1700</b>	NIMS/ICS 400 NASAR SAR Tech III Patient Simulation for Emergency Care Providers Public Information Officer

**Friday November 13**

<b>0800—1200</b>	Patient Simulation for Emergency Care Providers Public Information Officer Water Search and Recovery NIMS/ICS 400
<b>0900 – 1200</b>	Storm Spotter (NWS)
<b>1300 – 1500</b>	NIMS/ICS 400
<b>1400—1800</b>	Early Registration for Conference Meeting with Pam Montanari, DHS, Office of Emergency Communications and Cathy Dawson, ALEA. (1-2 representatives from each squad, preferably with knowledge of communications)
<b>1400 -1500</b>	
<b>1500 – 1700</b>	<b>Closing General Session</b> Autism Awareness for First Responders
<b>1800</b>	EMS Competition
<b>1845</b>	Rescue Challenge
<b>1900</b>	Seafood Boil
<b>1930</b>	Cart Race Cornhole Competition

**Saturday November 14**

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



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My words fail me now that I have been asked to write this article for the AARS Rescuer Magazine. So I'd like to start off by telling you a bit about us. Tallaco K9 Unit is a small but dedicated group of men, women and dogs. This type of volunteer work requires a tremendous amount of energy, money and time to train and certify our dogs. Individuals, families and other units ask a lot from our team but no more than we ask of ourselves. We perform the tasks asked of us for our own satisfaction of knowing we can help families in need, not for money or fame.

We currently have four (4) SAR canines we use. Our first dog, our veteran, is Spanky. She's a Border Collie mix that's four (4) years old. She is cross trained to search for HRD and do people tracking and trailing. We also have three (3), three (3) year old sister dogs, Bama, Layla and Zena that are a German Shepard and Belgian Malinois mix. Zena has been cross trained in HRD and tracking and trailing. Bama is currently certified in HRD. Layla is certified in tracking and trailing of people and is working to pass her HRD exam.

Our call outs managed to put us to searching during each season of this year. While the weather didn't always work with us, we made every effort to get the task asked of us accomplished. During February we were called by a broken hearted couple about the loss of their PTSD dog. As a unit, we don't normally respond to these types of requests but as dog lovers and owners a few members felt compelled to help them and volunteered to go on their own. In the awesome month of April, a terrified grandmother asked us to please come search for her runaway grandson in the unfortunate event he had become injured. While July is normally a celebrated month, one family faced a tragedy. So we were asked to come help search for a missing boater in Randolph County. It was a hot and stormy month but when weather permitted we performed land and water searches. Our most current search during August was at the Montgomery Land Fill. Kelly Smith, an employee with INI asked for us to come help for a missing ALDOC inmate. The search proved to be a tough task considering the terrain but our dogs were able to give several alerts to where he had been in the previous days.

In closing I'd like to say thank you to the AARS and to Chauncey Wood for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. We hope you have a safe and happy year to come.

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Missing Man Found in Prattville Following Search  
Marty Roney/Montgomery Advertiser  
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PRATTVILLE – A four-legged hero is being credited with finding a missing man Sunday morning in Prattville.

The 59-year-old, who has medical problems, wandered off from his home which is near Prattville Junior High School, said Police Chief Mark Thompson. The man was wearing pajamas and had no shoes on.

When police were informed that he was missing the community came together to search, said Thompson. The effort included friends from the man's church, police officers and members of the Prattville Fire Dept. A helicopter from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency was also involved.

But it was Remi a 2-year-old German Shepherd that saved the day. Fabian and Sherry Mann, members of the Autauga County Rescue Squad, trained Remi.

"The dog was amazing," Thompson said. "We found a footprint near the sidewalk, he put his nose down and then he started tracking. We found the missing man in a wooded area by a creek, several hundred yards from his home."

The family noticed the man missing when they got up about 6 a.m. Sunday, Thompson said. There is no way of knowing how long he had been out of the home when the search began, he said.

Remi did his job "perfectly," Fabian Mann said.

"We're so proud of him," he said. "If you're not a dog handler, you don't know how proud you can be when your dog performs. And this was a long track.

"It was several hours old, people and other animals had been through the area, but Remi led us right to him."

The track covered several hundred yards and crossed through several yards, Mann said.

"When we found him by the creek, it looked like he had just had a seizure," Mann said. "He was kind of out of it. It was very thick where he was. We had to cut a trail in to get to him. We don't know how he was able to get down there. I was glad we were able to find him."

The man was treated by Prattville firemedics on the scene and then was taken home by his family, Thompson said.



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