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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hello Fellow Rescue Squad Members, WELCOME to Summer!!!! Hope all is well and this letter finds everyone doing well. Wow, what a recent couple of months it has been and so looking forward to seeing everyone in Alex City as Lake Martin Search and Rescue hosts our May quarterly meeting. All Lake Martin Search and Rescue members do such a great job of hosting, so please join us on May 21st in Alex City.

Now the exciting stuff, on the last day and moments before the legislative session ended, our Line of Duty Death legislation passed. This is such a tremendous benefit to the members and member's families to have this. I cannot express how thankful the Association is for the tremendous time and effort that was given to this bill by Chauncey and Jimmy. Chad and I were down earlier that morning for the legislative prayer breakfast and stayed around for the house to convene and after the house had been there until 1:00 am the previous morning, really thought it would never pass. But with Mike posting on website and Facebook page and the efforts of all your calls, we owe our legislators a big pat on the back as well in light of how this legislative session has turned out. Also, just earlier to this bill, SB 339 which will put a paramedic on the SEMCC committee passed also. We also must thank Chauncey for getting this bill back on special order calendar after it was previously deemed dead. A thank you goes to Chad for serving on the team of fire and EMS personnel to work out the details for this to happen. AARS was also asked by ADPH Office of EMS to help support HB 379 Opioid OD Bill and it passed on Tuesday. So as bleak as things have been in this year session, AARS has come out a Winner!!!! Thanks again Chauncey and Jimmy.

Just to say one last thing about the legislative prayer breakfast, AARS has for the last several years sponsored the last legislative prayer breakfast and always look forward to it. I think it is very important that we continue this.

Also Mike has posted a letter about our new SouthernLinc Fleet number and the process you need to go through in order to affiliate on the AARS Group/Fleet. Thanks Mike for bringing this to reality!

Thanks again to all members and squads for your hard work and dedication to making AARS strong and viable to the citizens of this Great State of ALABAMA!!!!

Matt Knight
President



From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hello to all! I hope all is well with each Squad! Just a short note for you this time.

As you all know this summer will be hot and humid but the days of rescuing people will go on. Keep the folks well hydrated and be sure to have safety in mind.

When you are applying for SD-1 property remember the request needs to be on your squad's letterhead and include the squad's FID number. This will make the paperwork go a lot better.

Now that the legislative session is through, Chauncey can rest up. He has worked hard during this session and we also can't forget Jimmy who also has helped. Chauncey has gotten us some great bills passed that will help us in the long run. When you see Chauncey and Jimmy at the meetings please let them know how much you appreciate all the hard work they do. I want to thank the squads who go down and sit in during the legislative meetings also.

Also thanks to LASAR for hosting a great 1st Quarterly meeting. It was great to see everybody there. I hope to see you all soon. Please be safe out there,

Danny Butler
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Greetings all, I hope this letter finds everyone hale and hearty. As I write this, I am still feeling the good vibes from the big wins we accomplished in the legislature this year. The line of duty death benefit is a huge step forward for our volunteer rescuers and rescue squads. While I hope it is a long time before anyone needs the benefit, it is a comfort to know that it is available to help the survivors. I feel that we owe a huge thanks to the legislature, and particularly Senator Rusty Glover, for championing this bill and getting it passed this session. It came down to the wire, but we were all relieved to see its passage. The passage of SB 339, which adds paramedics to the state emergency medical control committee, is also a great step forward in giving EMS providers a voice in rules and protocols. I would personally like to thank Chauncey and Jimmy for their hard work in this very tumultuous legislative session to get these and other bills of interest through. I am continuing to work on getting training set up and still covet your input on what education you want and need. As always, please let me know if there is anything at all I can do to help any of you and stay safe out there.

Chad Singleton
2nd Vice President

FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1st Quarterly Meeting
February 20, 2016
Foley, AL

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

Special Guests: Mayor John Coneyer, County Commissioner Tucker Dorsey and State Representative Steve McMillan – Chair of Fire and Rescue Caucus

Meeting was called to order by President Matthew Knight. Called for reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes made by Desoto Rescue Squad. Motion was seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried. Called for reading of the financial report, report was read and motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded by North Baldwin Sheriff's Search and Rescue. Motion carried.

Chad gave a report on mission that was in Brewton and thanked all the squads that were there.

Chad again thanked everyone for participation and support at conference. Also spoke about spring and fall training.

Rescuer of the Quarter – DeKalb County Association of Rescue Squads – a certificate will be issued to all the squads in DeKalb County. Danny had 2 late renewals to bring before the association.

Conecuh County Rescue Squad. Motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to accept the late renewal. Motion was seconded by Athens -Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Etowah County Rescue Squad. Motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to accept the late renewal. Motion was seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Danny advised the association that Crossville Rescue Squad lost their building to fire.

Chauncey spoke about legislature:

LODD – SB159 HB100 – Sponsored by Rusty Glover

Tactical – SB7 Sponsored by Steve McMillan

EMS Board – SB63 – Sponsored by Gerald Allen

Vessel – SB79 – Gerald Dial

With no further business to discuss meeting was adjourned.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **2016 THIRD QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE:**

JULY 1, 2016 !!!!!!!!

* **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 please include your name and Squad.**

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

2nd Quarterly Meeting
Hosted By:
Lake Martin Search and Rescue
At
Charles E Bailey Sportsplex
1842 Sportsplex Blvd
Alexander City, AL 35010
May 21, 2016

Agenda

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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Michael Stone

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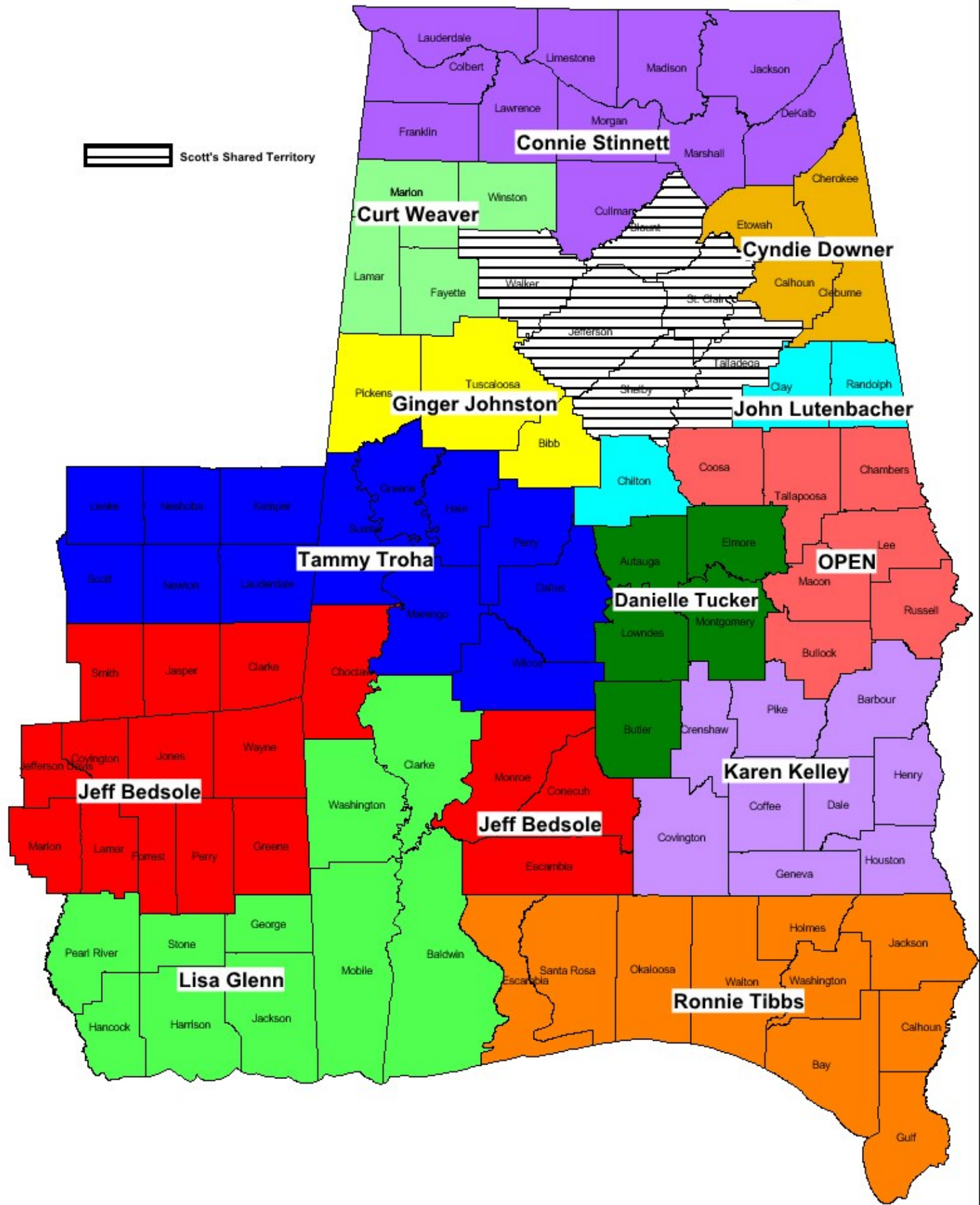
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- Pre-planning and logistics

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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

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Thursday: Classroom Seminars

8:00am- 6:00pm: Brindlee Mtn. Fire Dept., 4373 Hwy 231, Union Grove, AL 35175

Friday: Practicals, Single Rope Technique training

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Saturday: Hauls & Lowers, Extrication Techniques, Patient Movement

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

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Sunday: Student-Run Mock Rescue

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

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North Lamar Rescue Squad

Charles Thomas Murphy, "Tommy" of North Lamar Rescue Squad passed away on April 8, 2016 from lung and brain cancer. He was 53. Tommy volunteered right up to the time he was diagnosed in January of this year. Even after he was diagnosed he wanted to run emergency calls. He was strong at heart and giving to the community that he loved. He is truly missed by all of the membership of North Lamar Rescue. Gone but never forgotten.



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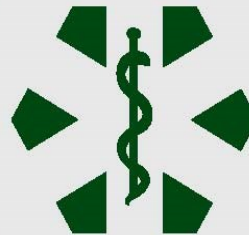
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