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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Oh the Hot Hazy Days of Summer!!!!!! I hope this finds everybody well and those that have been traveling and enjoying some R&R for vacation, I hope it has been rejuvenating to all. Don't have much to say around my neck of the woods, just again was glad some of us were able to go and be a part of the bill signing in Montgomery. So all attention turns to the 3rd Quarterly Meeting in Etowah County and final plans for conference in November. Conference will be here before we know it. Also, the nomination committee will be meeting to nominate officer positions for the next year. Please seek them out if you have an idea or someone you think would work hard as an officer.

I really appreciate some of the recent missions that have gotten some media attention and how well the squads are working together and overall the job you are doing. Keep up the good work!!!!!! Since not much is going on, I am cutting it short, but would just like to make a personal shutout. Dianne and I are pleased to announce the early arrival of our first grandchild Remington Gauge Strength born July 9. Remington weighed 5 pounds 10 oz. and both Momma (Erica) and baby are doing fine. And yes Daddy (Cory) as well.

See you in a few short weeks in Etowah County and as always, call me if you need any of the officers.....
God Bless!!!!

Matt Knight
President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Conference is quickly approaching and I am looking forward to as great a time as we had last year. If you were not able to make it, I encourage you to make every effort to attend this year for excellent education, food, and fellowship. I would also like to encourage every squad that can to participate in the competitions on Friday evening. We always have fun and more participation makes for a more exciting competition. Don't forget the design contest for the conference shirts that is currently ongoing. The winning shirt designer will receive free conference registration and a free shirt, so get your entries in as soon as possible (2ndvp@alars.org). This has been a year of pretty big things in the state government and I'm happy that we came out on the positive side of our legislative endeavors. One of the biggest changes is that the AARS will now have a voting representative on the State Emergency Medical Control Committee, which can give us a voice in shaping the direction of emergency medical care in the state. I have been selected as the representative for the AARS and I'm eager to give our organization a voice in the process. To adequately do this, I need to hear from you what the issues are that you feel need to be addressed. I encourage all of you to contact me and let me know your concerns so I can insure that our voice is heard. Thank you all for everything you do and for the support you have given me through the year. As always, let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Chad Singleton
2nd Vice President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hello to all. I hope all is well with each Squad. Just a reminder this is the 3rd quarterly meeting and officers are up for nominations this time of the year. It is very sad that we will be losing our President this year. Matt Knight will be missed, but congrats to Matt on his new grand baby! With the Conference around the corner if you would like to have any classes, we need to know ASAP as to what you may like to have. The 3rd quarterly meeting will be in Etowah County this time and they have been working hard to put on a good meeting. I will have a couple of squads to be voted on at the meeting. I would like to congratulate my son Mark on passing his Paramedic NREMT. I guess you can say I'm very proud of him. He has worked very hard to accomplish this. Also thanks to Lake Martin for putting on a great 2nd quarterly meeting. It was great to see a lot of people there. I hope to see you all soon. Please be safe out there

Danny Butler
1st Vice President



FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2nd Quarterly Meeting
May 21, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Knight.

Colors posted by the Honor Guard. Opening prayer by Timmy Whatley.

Special Guests: Senator Rusty Glover, Mayor Charles Shaw and Jamie Hollingsworth from ADECA.

Board of Directors meeting was called back into order before the general business meeting went into session to take care of an item that needed to be handled before the general meeting.

General business meeting called to order and opening prayer by Hoyt MacCaghren.

Roll was called with 52 squads represented, Motion was made by Rosalie Rescue Squad to excuse Guntersville due to an event they had going on. Seconded by Florence-Lauderdale EMA. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Chauncey spoke about the LODD bill that was passed to include the rescue squad and the other bills that were passed.

Matt discussed the work that Chauncey and Jimmy do for the Association and made a recommendation to allot \$5000.00 to Chauncey and \$1500.00 to Jimmy. Motion was made by North Baldwin Search and Rescue to pay these amounts. Seconded by Tallaco. Motion carried.

Matt discussed the SEMCC appointment and that the Executive Board recommended Chad Single to the appointment. Motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to approve the appointment. Seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny had a late renewal and a new squad to bring before the Association.

Hackleburg Rescue Squad is a late renewal Motion was made by Florence-Lauderdale EMA to accept this late renewal. Seconded by Carbon Hill Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Cottonwood Rescue Squad is a new squad. Motion was made by East Colbert Rescue Squad to accept this new squad. Seconded by Conecuh County Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

George Grabryan with Florence-Lauderdale thanked the squads that assisted them with their search and recovery.

Chad discussed doing a T-shirt design for the conference shirts, with the winner getting free registration and a free shirt.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to Corrine Hardy of Athens - Limestone Rescue Squad.

With no further business to discuss meeting was adjourned.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Etowah County August 20th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **2016 FOURTH QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE:**

OCTOBER 1, 2016 !!!!!!!!

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3rd Quarterly Meeting
Hosted By:
Etowah County Rescue Squad, Attalla Rescue Squad, Blount County Rescue Squad
At
Southside Baptist Church
3975 Highway 77
Southside, AL 35907
August 20, 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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(Mention Rescue Squad Meeting)
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Michael Stone

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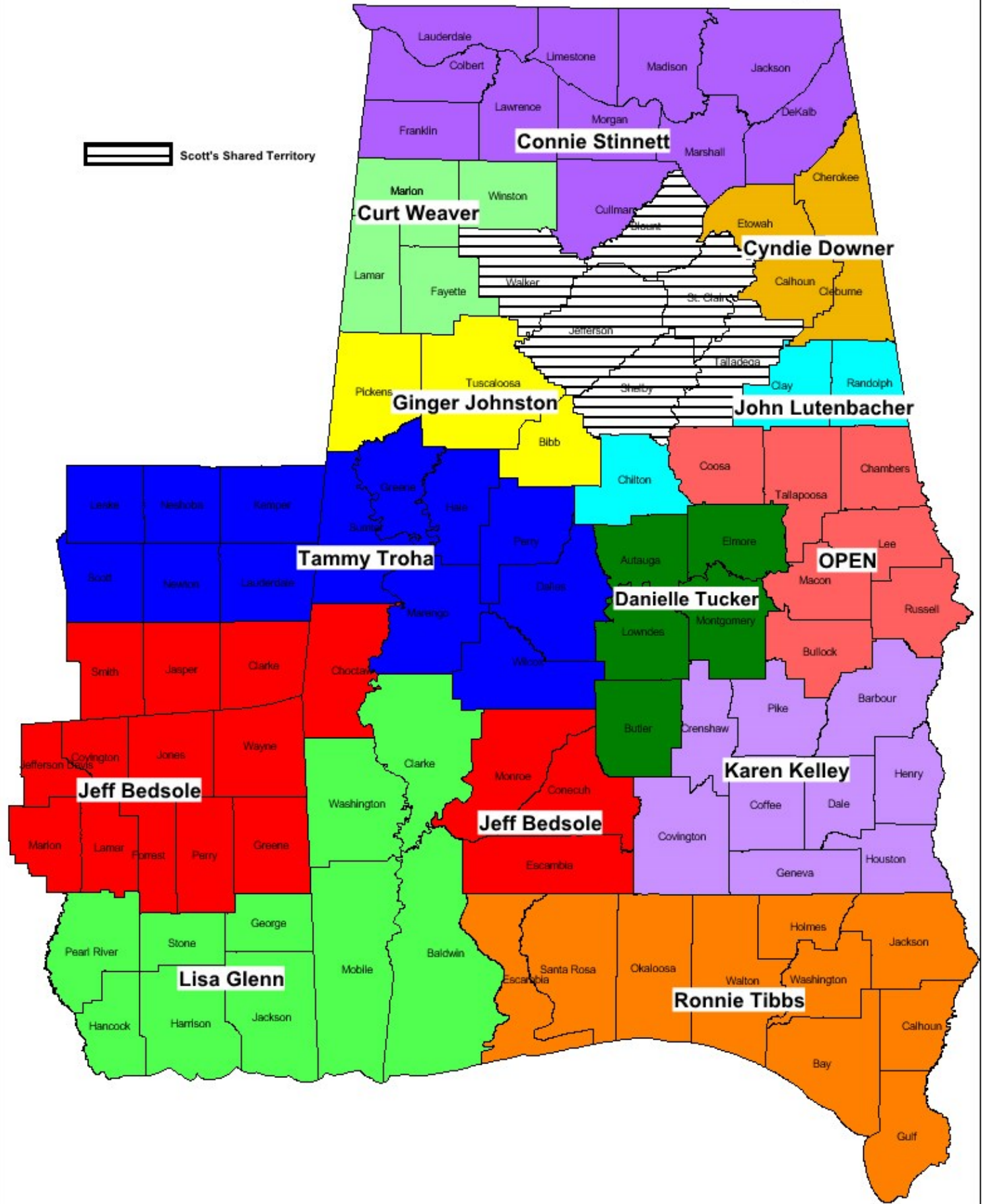
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Saturday: Hauls & Lowers, Extrication Techniques, Patient Movement

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Sunday: Student-Run Mock Rescue

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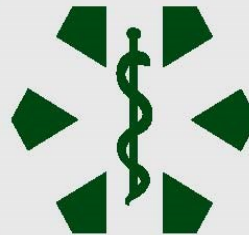
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