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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

NOTICE From the Executive Board of AARS

There will be an election held at the AARS 1st Quarterly meeting for the office of 1st Vice President of the Association. The Quarterly meeting will be held at the Fire College in Tuscaloosa on Feb. 18, 2017.

From the Desk of the President

I hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President for the Association again. I hope to continue the leadership that Matt has laid out. Matt has made many strides as President. We hope to have another great year.

Glad we had a good turnout for the Conference. It was great seeing everyone. We had some good food and the classes were great. Thanks to David Garmon of the Gulf Coast EMS region for all they did. A big thank you to all the vendors that turned out and to Chauncy and Tina for all their hard work getting the vendors in. Hope everyone took the time to visit them. I also appreciate all the dignitaries who turned out for us. This year's conference will be a week earlier due to a conflict with the conference center and the food competition. If you didn't get a chance to view any of the food competition maybe you can next year.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be an election for 1st Vice President of the Association at the 1st quarterly meeting. The meeting will be held at the Alabama Fire College on Feb. 18, 2017. As of right now, Matt Knight is serving in the interim position of 1st VP. Please turn out to support your Association.

Danny Butler
President

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.

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Happy New Year to all AARS members and thank you for electing me as your new 2nd Vice President. As many of you may know, I have been in search and rescue (SAR) for 20+ years now and I truly enjoy giving any and all knowledge that I have acquired over the years to whoever will sit still long enough to listen!

Just kidding, but I do enjoy helping people in any way that I can and will do whatever I can to move our great organization forward. This cannot be done alone and it cannot be done by just the officers. It will take the help of every member to dedicate themselves to study, to train and attend classes whenever and wherever the opportunity arises.

As I write this in the middle of January I am reflecting on this past conference and how well it came out. The NASAR (National Association of Search And Rescue) SAR Tech III, aka Introduction to Search And Rescue, class was well attended and, as one of the instructors, I was pleased with the attention and input everyone gave during the class.

This next conference I will be getting new NASAR instructors to teach, so spread the word and plan ahead. I will also be making a push to get as many people trained to SAR Tech III as possible and when we can put together enough people for it, begin a SAR Tech II class aka Advanced Search And Rescue. The specifics of that class can be found at http://www.nasar.org/advanced_sar

One thing that we really need is a place to train. For SAR Tech II, we need a place to put a permanent navigation course, plus an area for tracking skills and clue detection. So both open and wooded areas somewhere in the middle of the state would be good.

I would like to thank your new Education committee members, Danny Butler, Matt Knight, Ronnie Champion, Danny Mitchem, Jason Heard and Ed Nicholas. We are a diverse group on the education committee that specialize in medical, SAR, dive rescue and canine. But be forewarned, I know nothing about the medical side of education, so don't ask me any of those questions because I will have to defer your question to Danny Butler or Danny Mitchem, Matt Knight or Jason Heard. ;)

If you have any ideas about a topic for education, please let me know and I will do my best to make it happen.

Luther Peebles
2nd Vice President



FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

CONFERENCE 2016
NOVEMBER 12, 2016
ORANGE BEACH, AL

Honor Guard posted colors, opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren

Special Guests: Walter Lacey with ALEA
Trey Carter with AFBA
Matt Weathers with Wildlife Freshwater Fisheries
Jamie Hollingsworth with ADECA
Stephen Wilson with ADPH
Art Faulkner, State EMA Director

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Knight.

Roll was called with 66 squads present. Floyd and Fay Guthrie from the Carbon Hill Rescue Squad had made plans to attend the conference but Fay's health would not let them make it. Motion was made by North Lamar Rescue Squad to count Carbon Hill present at the conference. Second was made by Desoto Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

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

Motion to dispense with the reading of the financial report by Desoto Rescue Squad. Seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried. Matt did mention about the new checking account opened for the Ad Valorum tax. Matt read a card from a lady from Texas that sent a donation.

Danny Butler presented application for a squad that had not renewed at beginning of the year. Detroit Rescue Squad in Lamar County. Vernon Rescue Squad made motion to accept. Seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.

Danny Butler presented new application for Wicksburg Fire/Rescue. Motion made by McIntosh to accept. Seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

Matt brought up about reappointment of Debbie for 2017 with increase in salary of \$2000.00. Daphne SAR made motion to reappoint. Seconded by North Baldwin Sheriffs SAR. Motion carried.

Matt also brought up about the upkeep of the education trailer and repairs to be made. For the upkeep, purchase of a new generator and repairs motion was made by Desoto Rescue Squad to spend up to \$5000.00. Seconded by North Marshall EMS. Motion carried.

Matt announced since his tenure as officer was ending he is giving up his seat on the State Mutual Aid Committee. The Executive Committee has suggested Mike Surlles from Autauga County to fill the seat.

Chad spoke about being appointed to the SEMCC Committee.

Chad spoke about the educational part of the conference and if anyone has suggestions to please let Luther, as he is coming in as 2nd Vice President, know. Chad thanked the instructors for coming out.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to Michael Stone of Desoto Rescue Squad.

Rick Miller has turned in his resignation as photographer due to health reasons.

2017 Conference will be at the Orange Beach Event Center, there is a change in the date for the conference, due to conflicts with the date and other events we had to move conference to the 1st weekend in November. Motion was made by North Baldwin to change the date. Seconded by Desoto. Motion carried.

Motion made by North Baldwin to recess until tonight. Seconded by SARTEC. Motion carried.

After the banquet the general business meeting was called back into order. Awards were presented and the new officers were sworn in.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **2017 SECOND QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE:**

APRIL 1, 2017 !!!!!!!!

ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE IS SUBJECT TO BE PLACED IN NEXT QUARTER'S MAGAZINE!

* **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.**

* **THE EDITOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED**

* **ARTICLES SHOULD BE SENT USING THE EDITOR LINK ON THE AARS WEBSITE OR TO editor@alars.org**

* **Be sure to check the Website regularly for updated information about things of interest.**

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

1st Quarterly Meeting
Hosted By:
Alabama Fire College Rescue
At
Alabama Fire College
2501 Phoenix Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
February 18, 2017

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

Hotel Information (Mention Rescue Squad Meeting)

Country Inn & Suites
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Non-certification Class

July 27 – 30, 2017

Certification Class

July 27 – 31, 2017

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ABOUT THE COURSE

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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COURSE TOPICS

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- 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 \$75.00, 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., 4373 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**

8:00am- 12:30pm: Brindlee Mtn. Fire Dept.

Rosalie Strong
By: Bre Heard

On November 30, 2016, the lives of the people of Rosalie and the town of Rosalie itself changed forever. Just after midnight, our small town was devastated by a tornado that lasted nearly two miles and three precious lives were lost. The town and surrounding areas helped get supplies in and get houses tarped. We then had to get debris up, so we put a call out on social media as well as to the squads across the state. We have always thought of the rescuers across the state as our extended family, but we realized how true this was. On Saturday, December 3rd, we had approximately 200 volunteers show up with many representing rescue squads from across the state. We would just like to say thanks for the manpower and helping clean up our town. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and support through this difficult time. We are Small Town, Big Heart, Rosalie Strong.





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SouthernLinc
Michael Stone

AARS now has its very own SouthernLinc managed fleet. Like the EMA fleet, we have our own talkgroups across the state for the various committees, operational functions, and even for each squad. There is a statewide talkgroup as well! I would like to encourage all squads to add SouthernLinc to their communications capabilities!

How the process works:

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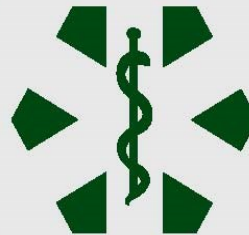
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