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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hello to all. Hope everybody is having a good start to the year and staying safe with the spring storms.

I apologize about getting back late to the 2nd quarterly meeting after lunch. I didn't intend to be late.

Thanks for the good turnout to the meeting and thanks to the Fire College for putting on a great meeting.

As everyone probably knows by now, we have a new Governor. We don't know for sure how this is going to affect us with all that we have going on. Hopefully, Governor Ivey will continue to be on our side and help us with what we need to serve our state.

As we are heading into the summer months I'm sure calls will be increasing with outdoor activities.

We will be presenting prices on AED's at the next Board of Director's meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Athens,

Danny Butler
President



From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

I am hoping that all is well with you and yours. I don't really have anything to report as far as education training right now. I have not heard from anyone reporting training that is planned or requested so far this year but I would like to talk to you about something that weighs heavy on me and, I am sure, on you as well. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)/Life Preservers. I work in and around industries that require safety training and safe work practices every day. Being safe is preached to everyone on a daily basis. And yet, most leave work, hook up the boat, go to the lake, river or whatever body of water they fish on, and forget all about safety. They put their seatbelt on because it is required by law (most do), but get in their boat and don't put on their Life Preserver.

"Life Preserver", its name says it all doesn't it? It preserves life; if it is worn. But people don't wear them. Most keep them in a box so they won't get dirty. But they don't understand what we all know. You won't have time to open that box and put it on. I would like to propose a new motto. "Don't be caught alive without it" You could place signs at all the boat ramps with your squad's logo? Maybe it will cause more people to think about safety on the water. Maybe save a life.

This has been a very busy year with my squad as we have worked 3 drownings so far. I am concerned for what may come. I am hopeful that there will not be a 4th.

As you talk to people be sure to pass along how important wearing a "Life Preserver" is. Thank You for all that you do to help others.

Luther Peebles
2nd Vice 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 DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

First Quarterly Meeting
February 18, 2017
Alabama Fire College

Welcome by Ray Grantham with Alabama Fire College. Colors posted by the Honor Guard. Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren. Meeting was called to order by President Danny Butler.

Roll was called by Debbie Tidwell with 65 squads in attendance.

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by Desoto Rescue Squad. Motion seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Chauncey introduced Scott Kellenburger -Game Warden in Jackson County. He discussed man tracking and possibly teaching some classes for the Association.

Chauncey spoke about the definition of Rescue Squads according to the state. Code of Alabama Title 36 Section 21 Paragraph 101-3, also in 36-30-1.

Chauncey also spoke about legislation: HB237 SB 207-Public Safety Protection Act. HB 250 will allow licensed EMT to work in 10 different states under their Alabama license in case of disaster.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Chad Singleton had to resign as 2nd Vice President. The nominating committee recommends Matt Knight to take over the position. Nominations taken from the floor. Union Rescue Squad nominated Brian Bailey. Brian declined.

LASAR nominated Candy Davidson. Candy declined. Move to close nominations made by Florence-Lauderdale EMA. Motion was seconded by McIntosh Rescue Squad. Motion to appoint Matt Knight by acclamation by LASAR. Motion was seconded by Coosa Valley Rescue Squad. Motion carried. Matt was sworn in as 2nd Vice President.

The Executive Board recommended David Holcombe from Clay County Rescue Squad to take over on the SEMCC Community.

The Ways and Means Community will set up guidelines for the Ad Valorum money.

Matt had 3 squads to present for membership:

Flatiron Crash Rescue formerly Wiregrass MAST. Motion by Huntsville Cave to accept. Seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

Rehobeth Rescue Squad. Motion made by Florence Lauderdale to accept. Seconded by Blount County carried.

Wilmer Fire & Rescue. Motion to accept by Ider Rescue. Seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

Rescuer of the Quarter presented to Phillip Wigley with Ider Rescue Squad.

May 17th the AARS will be hosting the Legislative Prayer Breakfast in Montgomery.

Johnny Warren made a recommendation to purchase an AED to be put in the trailer. Motion by East Colbert Rescue. Seconded by Carbon Hill Rescue. Motion carried.

Colors were retired by Honor Guard, and with no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Hope to see everyone May 20th in Athens.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

* **2017 THIRD QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE:**

JULY 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

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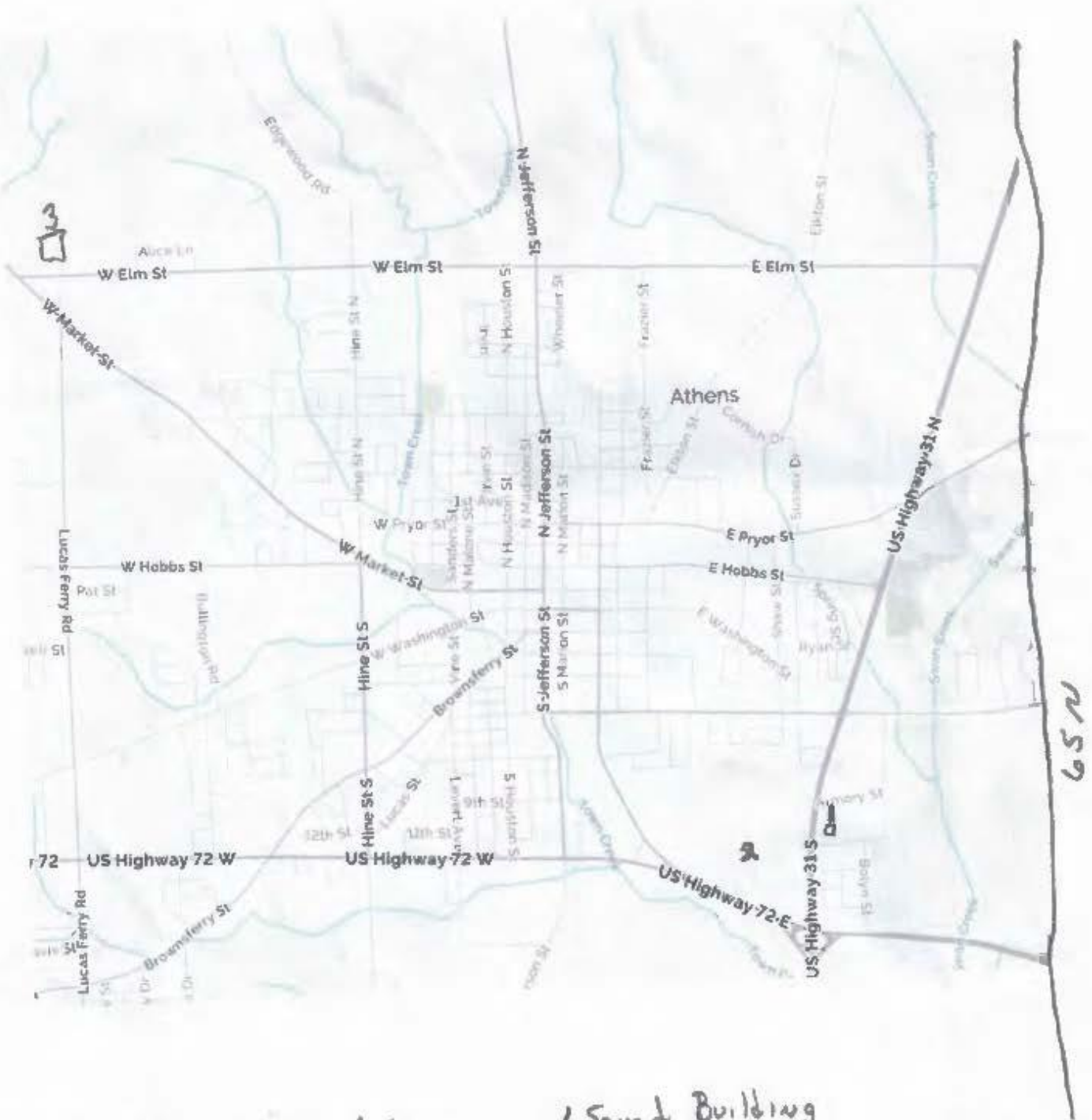
2nd Quarterly Meeting
Hosted by
Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad
May 20th
Vietnam Veterans Building
17953 West Elm Street
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Registration	8:30 am - 9:30 am
Welcome and Posting of Colors	9:30 am
Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
General Business Meeting	1:30 pm

Meet and Greet at Squad Building Friday May 19th 6 pm - ???
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July 27 – 30, 2017

Certification Class

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

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- Response systems
- Patient packaging and movement
- Hauling/lowering systems
- Vertical rescue
- Extrication techniques
- 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)

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Classes will be limited to 50 students.

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- 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)

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SouthernLinc
Michael Stone

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