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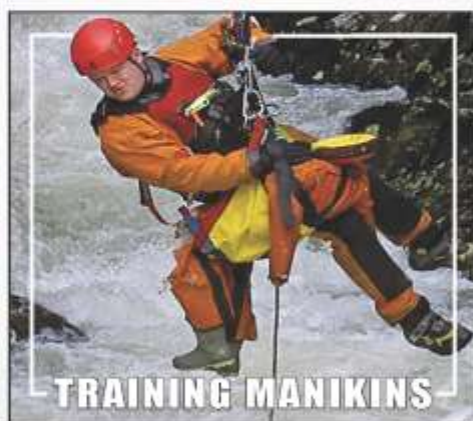
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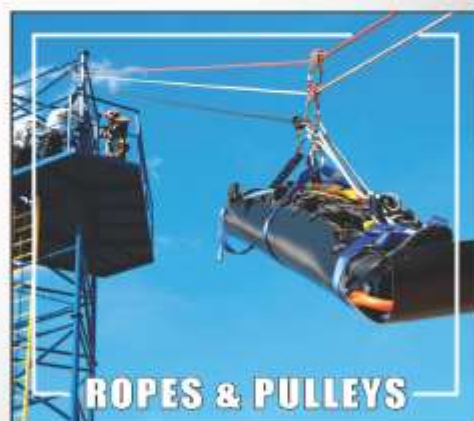
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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hope this letter finds everyone doing well. Hard to believe this is already the 4th quarter. Looking forward to the conference in November. David has put together some great classes this year. Get signed up early. Please also look at the awards the Association presents at the conference. I know there are a lot of members out there that are well deserving of these awards but are never turned in for one.

On another note the AARS was awarded a 35k grant from the RC&D Councils to start our drone program. A big thank you to all who worked on this project to make this grant possible. We will have more information on this project at the conference.

I would like to thank Desoto Rescue Squad for hosting our 3rd quarterly meeting. As always they did a fantastic job and the food was great. Mentone is always a beautiful place to visit. Desoto falls was really rolling that weekend.

It has been a pleasure to work for you as your President this year and I am looking forward to serving you again next year. We still have a lot of projects in the works. There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes, and I appreciate all of the hard work everyone has been putting in on all these special projects. It takes more than just a few people to make things improve the Association. So like I always say this is your Association, get involved and make a difference! Hope to see everyone in November.

Brian Bailey
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Thanks for the great Meeting at Desoto R S, they did an outstanding job the last quarterly meeting. It was great seeing everyone; we had a great turnout.

As we approach the Conference, I hope Covid will settle down. It seems Covid Delta strain is making it self-know. If you have not been Vaccinated, please consider to do so.

Since the Mask mandate has been lifted does not mean we are safe from Covid, the numbers are coming back up and the Virus will still be around. Practice safe measures as we have done in the past.

Conference is fast approaching us again; it will be here before you know it, if there are any classes you would like to take, please sign up.

My family would like to take this time to express our heartfelt Thank you for the phone calls, texts and the visitation during the passing of our oldest son due to Covid. We appreciate it more than you will ever know.

Hope to see all of you in Orange Beach. Thank You all for your continuing support

Danny Butler
1st 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

Third Quarterly Meeting August 21, 2021 Mentone, AL

Colors Posted by the Honor Guard

Opening prayer Mike Tidwell

Meeting called to order by President Brian Bailey

The Board of Directors was reconvened to vote on the policy change on the grant applications

Randolph County made a motion to accept the policy change. Motion was seconded by Florence/Lauderdale. Motion carried.

Due to the State of Emergency declared by Gov Kay Ivey the Board of Directors suggested counting squads present that were watching virtually. Motion was made by Randolph County. Motion was seconded by Coosa Valley. There was 1 no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daphne to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion was seconded by LASAR. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Randolph County to dispense the reading of the financial report. Motion was seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

Chauncey gave the legislative report.

Danny Butler spoke about the Cares Money – don't spend it yet!

Do not bring renewals to conference, need to be in Debbie's hands by December 1st

Also spoke about the competitions at the conference...we all miss them

David Holcombe spoke about training:

Fall Training – Dive Tender class September 18th at LASAR

Extrication class September 25th Huntsville – Madison

Conference classes are listed in the packet and on the website, you must pre-register

Danny Smith gave an update on the grants, there is a policy change, and it will be posted on the website.

Brian spoke about the by-laws – The committee is the past Presidents – Matt Knight is the chairman of the committee. Matt spoke about the By-laws, will change the By-laws to read that your green card must be presented to vote in Association elections and spoke about the Executive Board appointing a training officer, these changes will be voted on at the conference.

The workers comp paperwork and payment must be in by December 1st, if not in then you will not be covered, it cannot be late. Renewal is also due December 1st.

Nominating Committee recommended all officers stay in their position.

2nd Vice President – David Holcombe

Etowah Committee nominated Ray Hogan for 2nd Vice-President.

Motion was made by Coosa Valley to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Cherokee County. Motion carried.

1st Vice President Danny Butler

Motion by Cherokee County to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Athens. Motion carried.

President Brian Bailey

Motion was made by Coosa Valley to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Daphne. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Daphne to adjourn. Motion was seconded by East Colbert. Motion carried.

See you all at the conference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **2022 1st QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: January 1, 2022**
- **ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE IS SUBJECT TO BE PLACED IN NEXT QUARTER'S MAGAZINE!**
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- **Be sure to check the Website regularly for updated information about things of interest.**

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Alabama Association of Rescue Squads
2021 Annual Conference / 4th Quarter Meeting

Thursday November 11, 2021

0900—1200	EVOC Refresher Class Patient Assessment Lab
1200—1300	LUNCH
1300—1600	EVOC Refresher Class Continued Patient Assessment Lab

Friday November 12, 2021

0800—1000	EMS Challenge
1000—1200	Skills Lab / EMT Special Edition
0800—1200	Man Tracking: How to locate, stabilize and extract lost people
1200—1300	LUNCH
1300—1700	Man Tracking: How to locate, stabilize and extract lost people
1300—1500	Equipment & techniques for Recovery Dragging, Water types and Safety
1500—1700	K9 Support Training: Prior to Calling, While Waiting & Once they arrive
1400—1600	Conference Registration
1830	Seafood Boil

Saturday November 13, 2021

0800—0900	Conference Registration
0800—1500	Vendors / Exhibits
0915—1000	Welcome / Guest Speakers
1000—1600	Scrapbook Viewing
1000—1130	Board of Directors Meeting
1900 (doors open at 1830)	Awards Banquest

Competition Times

Friday November 12, 2021

1800

EMS Competition

1830

Cornhole Competition

Saturday November 13, 2021

1000—1600

Scrapbook Viewing

All scrapbooks must be out by 1000 to be judged! No Exceptions!

Scrapbook Contest Rules

1. All entries must pertain to the squad or squad members and must be neat in form.
2. All scrapbook material must be for the current year
3. Scrapbook must be bound. No entry will be accepted with the pages just stapled together.
4. All photos must be identified as to who is in the picture and what activity is shown.
PICTURES OF VICTIMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
5. All entries must be displayed by 10:00 A.M., November 13th and remain until 4:00 P.M.
NO EXCEPTIONS
6. The decision of the judges will be final.

If you have any questions Please contact Gwen Stone at (256)364-0150 or email at editor@alars.org

FIRST AID COMPETITION RULES

The purpose of this competition is to evaluate the ability of each team to assess, treat, and prepare to transport a victim of a medical or traumatic incident.

Each team will consist of four members including a working captain. One alternate may be selected to substitute in the event a team member is unable to complete the competition.

Each team will be responsible for furnishing their own equipment and supplies.

Judges will be selected by the competition director.

The decision of the judges is final. Scoring of each team will be done based on the team's ability to do the following:

1. Size up and determine the resources needs of the scenario given.
2. Thoroughly assess the patient(s) presented.
3. Properly address the assessment findings.
4. Safely remove the victim to a staging area for transport.
5. Provide a hand-off report that summarizes the scenario, including assessment findings and treatments.
6. Perform all the above in a manner that emphasizes the safety of all rescuers and victims.

The order in which the teams will compete will be decided at random by the competition director.

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