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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Well it's already the beginning of 2022. This past year has flown by. The executive board was honored to serve the association in 2021, and looking forward to serving you the members again in 2022. We are working hard with our various committees and other members to improve the association for you. You the members are why we serve. There are several projects we are working on from last year and a few new ones for this year. We hope it improves the squads and its members so you can better serve your community and the state of Alabama.

The association received a \$35,000 Grant from the RC&D council for the purchase of five drones. They have arrived and are being prepared to be distributed. There will be an application online to apply for squads to apply for one. There are many rules and regulations that go along with being able to qualify for one of these drones. Please read the application carefully and thoroughly before applying. The final placement of each drone will be the decision of the executive board.

We are planning several training classes offered by the association this year. Details will be given at the first quarterly meeting. The association gives away several awards during the year and at conference. There were several awards that were not given away at the conference this year. I know that there are a lot of AARS members that are worthy of these awards. Please keep these members in mind during the year and turn them in for these awards. I know we do not serve for the pat on the back, but sometimes it's nice to surprise a member with a thank you by nominating them for one of these awards for a job well done. Also keep in mind we are always wanting to hear what's going on with your squad. Please send letters and pictures and other related stories to our editor so we can post them in the newsletter.

I as the rest of the executive board are looking forward to seeing all of you at the first quarterly meeting in Scottsboro. So till then be safe and remember this is your association so get involved and make a difference.

Brian Bailey
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Happy New Year to all, hoping you are all staying well. Conference is gone again and it was a great turn out It was great seeing everyone there. Thank you, Chauncey and Tina, for all your hard work. Glad the classes were good and also a good turnout. Thank you, Brian and David, for job well done. Kudos to Debbie for keeping us all in line. Proud the weather was good, hope everyone enjoyed it.

It seems another Covid strain is making it self-known. If you have not been Vaccinated, please consider to do so. As Health care workers we need to protect ourselves, our family and others. Since this stuff is never ending it seems we have to do the right thing. If you do the surplus please do as they ask for the pictures and updates. S D 1 program has been an awesome thing for the Association in the past. All squads benefited from the program. Hope to see all of you in Scottsboro. Thank You all for your continuing support the Executive board.

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

**Annual Conference
General Meeting
November 13, 2021
Orange Beach, AL**

Colors were posted by the Honor Guard.

Meeting called to order by President Brian Bailey

Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren

Special Speakers:

Brian Hastings

John Belue

Robert Griffin

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes made by Desoto. Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone. Motion carried

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

Chauncey gave the legislative report – working on money to come to the squads annually.

Danny Butler had two squads to bring before the association:

Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office...

Athens-Limestone made motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Daphne. Motion carried.

RNR Search and Rescue:

Athens-Limestone made motion to accept. Motion was seconded by Marengo County. Motion carried.

David Holcombe gave report on the EMT reimbursement

Brian gave the drone update; we were able to buy five drones

Debbie Tidwell was reappointed by the Executive-Treasurer, the association approved.

Matt gave results of the election for 2nd Vice-President: David Holcombe will remain in office.

LASAR made motion to stop printing the magazine and only do online.

Motion was seconded by Coosa Valley. Motion failed..7 yeas

The meeting will recess until the banquet.

See you in February!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **2022 2nd QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: April 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 Quarterly Meeting

Date: February 19, 2021

Location: Scottsboro Jackson County Rescue Squad
404 Cedar Hill Dr
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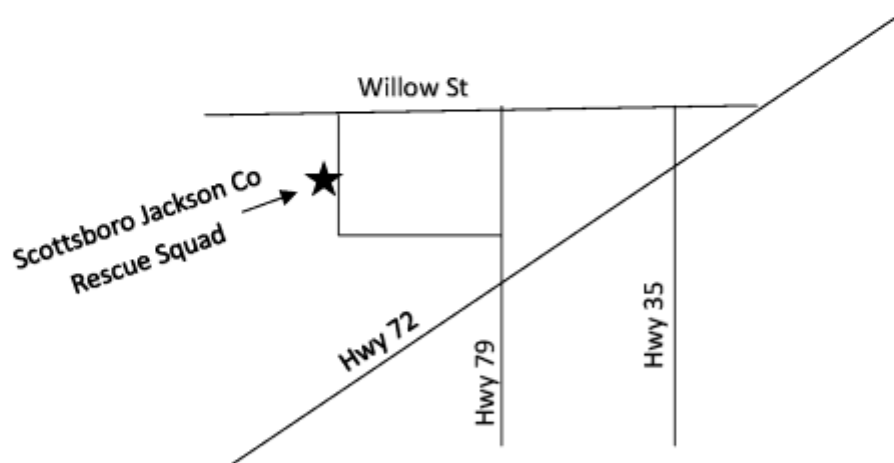
Questions: 256-899-3445

Agenda:

Registration	8:00 – 9:00 am
Welcome	9:00 am
Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am
Lunch	11:30 am to 1:00 pm (will be provided)
Business Meeting	1:00 pm - Until

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