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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hope everyone had a safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President for the Association again.

We hope to have another great year, just a reminder when we have the Board of Directors meeting if space is available, we need just the person that is present to represent your squad should be in the meeting. This helps us out to conduct the business on hand.

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 the Instructors.

Thanks to all the vendors that turned out. Thanks Chauncey and Tina for all your hard work getting the vendors in. Hope everyone took the time to visit them. The next conference will be held on the 2nd weekend of November 2023.

As we go into this year, I want to continue the foundation that Brian put forth. Congratulations to Ray Hogans being elected to the 2nd Vice president, he will do a great job.

Be sure to look at the web site to stay informed of any news. The Executive Board had what we call our change over meeting Jan. 18, 2023 in Clanton and we set up the committees for the year. If you would like to serve on one just let us know.

Hope to see everyone in Mobile at quarterly meeting.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hard to believe it's 2023 already. Last year flew by. Hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday with their family and loved ones. First off I would like to say that it was an honor and privilege to serve the last two years as your president. I am looking forward to serving the association and its members again this year as the membership chairman. The executive board made a lot of great strides in the last several years to try to make the association better for its squad and its members. This year will be no exception. We hope to continue with providing some great training opportunities to its members so you can better serve your community. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help improve your association. Looking forward to seeing everyone in February. Remember this is your association so get involved and make a difference.

Brian Bailey
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Hello all AARS members. Let me start by saying that I am humbled by your support and trust in electing me to this position to serve as your 2nd Vice president. I am committed to you the association and the job of providing competent training programs for all. I am in hopes of raising the bar concerning the training within our squads statewide. We are in a position of public trust and support and must be prepared and trained to deliver the highest competency of care and expertise possible. I feel that we must step up our educational efforts in every way and continue to increase the skills and abilities of all squad members!

Our previous BOD has worked hard in establishing the AARS training system and I commit to continuing to strive with this and to see that this program becomes a viable asset to the AARS! This will become one of the best assets to the rescue squad community but must have your support and commitment to using and educating every member on its importance.

I task each squad leader to become active and responsible for ensuring that your squad is afforded the means and ability to become highly educated in your mission and every possible venue of training possible available. I commit personally to providing every squad with any assistance with your needs for training and will do everything within my ability to assist with acquiring the instructions needed for your squad. I also task every AARS member with obtaining the four FEMA NIMS certifications of 100, 200, 700, and 800. These are DHS and FEMA mandatory classes for any rescuer to participate in any national declared emergency event!! Every AARS member needs these certs, and they can be completed online on the FEMA web site. (FEMA.gov)

You must have a FEMA student identification number to take these and any other FEMA classes. You can register and get your SID Number online, please get and record your SID!

Again, THANK YOU ALL. If anyone needs to contact me please call, 251-747-1451

RAY HOGANS
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

Conference 2022
November 19, 2022
Orange Beach, AL

Colors were posted by the Honor Guard

Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren

Guests Speakers:

Michael Rowell - First Responder Task Force

Sgt William Freeman - AL Dept of Conservation

Col Steve Thompson - ALEA

Michelle Norton - FirstNet

Roll was called with 67 squads represented.

Meeting called to order by Brian Bailey - President

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

The financial report was read, and a motion was made by Daphne to accept the reading. The second was made by Desoto. Motion carried.

Chauncey made the legislative report.

Danny had 3 new squads to present:

Southern Star & Rescue - Motion was made by Childersburg to accept. The second was made by Marengo County. Motion carried.

Disaster & Victim Services AKA Project Freedom - Associate member. Motion was made by Ider. The second was made by Mobile County. Motion carried.

Central AL K-9 - Motion was made by Scottsboro-Jackson County to accept. The second was made by Tallaco K-9 Unit. Motion carried.

David spoke about the classes and the conference.

Danny Smith came up and spoke about the changes to the By-Laws and SOP. A motion was made by Union to accept the changes. The second was made by Laverne. Motion carried.

Chauncey brought up that the new binders for the By-Laws and SOP could be made by ACI. Motion was made by Anniston to let them make the binders. The second was made by LASAR. Motion carried.

The Executive Board recommended appointing Debbie for another year as Executive-Secretary/Treasurer. Motion was made by Desoto. The second was made by East Colbert. Motion carried with one Nay.

With no further business at this time the meeting was suspended until the Banquet.

New officers were installed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Thank you all for a great conference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **2023 1st QUARTER MAGAZINE DEADLINE: April 1, 2023**
- **ANY ARTICLE SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE IS SUBJECT TO BE PLACED IN NEXT QUARTER'S MAGAZINE!**
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1st Quarterly Meeting
February 18, 2023
Mobile County EMA
7350 Zeigler Blvd
Mobile, AL 36608

Hosted by Mobile County

Agenda

Registration8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Welcome and Posting of Colors..... 9:00 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting..... 10:00 a.m.
Lunch..... 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
General Business Meeting1:00 p.m.

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If your Squad is not training your Squad is not Maintaining!
Ray Hogans
Commander LASAR

Your skills, your ability to perform, your commitment to the community and the need to keep yourself ready for all emergency situation you are called on for assistance. It is a wonderful thing to be a part of an organized Rescue Squad and to have a bright colored T-Shirt to prove you are a First Responder that provides life saving skills for the community. You are a skilled highly trained individual and looked upon by many as a hero in many cases.

Now I ask, are you ready? When was the last time you trained or renewed your much needed skills in the many you possess! Are you certain that you can respond to your full potential to save the life of the person in dyer need of that technical rescue situation? I can assure you that we as members of the Lower Alabama Search and Rescue will do our best to meet all needed training required to be proficient in the skills needed to respond when called upon for assistance. It is a great responsibility we take on and we are serious about training in this organization. All team leaders provide quality training events throughout the year and expect our members to attend and keep their skills honed to a sharp edge. This provides this unit with highly skilled members and consistently upgraded procedures to serve the community and our fellow AARS member Squads throughout the state of ALABAMA.

Medical training provided by inhouse CPR/AED instructors and EMS medical instructors and by attending off site medical training when available.

Dive Team members conduct routine training and fun dive events simulated search and recovery training is conducted multiple times each year. Dive tinder certification and PSD training is paramount for our members by our inhouse PSD Certified instructors. Boat team members work closely with dive team for support with dive operations when needed. Team members are all required to have boater safety certification and to complete formal training on all the different rescue vessels within the unit. All vessel operators recertify yearly and conduct boat inspections before and after every event.

Land SAR teams conduct map reading, GPS, ATV/UTV training and simulated training scenarios on a routine basis.

Drone team conducts pilot and observer training classroom and hands-on events to keep our members current in requirements and with the FAA requirements and Air Space restrictions to flight operations for training and actual Mission needs.

High angle rope team, conducts knots and rope classes rigging classes and high tower training and certification classes by our in house Alpine certified and repel master Instructors. All training is conducted to provide excellent and proficient team members for high angle rescue as needed for any event.

We are far from being a perfect squad, but we do our best to be highly qualified and do the training to hopefully keep our skills and ability ready for all possible mission we may be requested to respond to in support of our community and fellow squads of the AARS !

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