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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

Hello to all! I hope all is well with each squad. It has been a hot one up here in North Alabama.

Thanks to Athens- Limestone for putting on a great 2nd Quarterly meeting. It was great to see everybody

there. Be sure to ask your local EMA about the gloves that George Grabryan was talking about at the meeting. At the time of this writing, the ARPA money is now closed and it was let's say, something we have not dealt with in the past. Thanks to Mr. Wood for helping to get this done in a timely manner.

With this being the 3rd quarterly meeting, officers nominations will be held in the afternoon meeting.

If you have a person in mind let the nominating committee know during the day of the meeting or let

them know in writing. If you are wanting any classes at the Conference let Ray know ASAP, we want to have the classes finalized soon. I for one am looking forward to the Conference this year.

The 3rd Quarterly meeting will be held in Mentone, AL, looking forward to seeing you all there.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hope this letter finds everyone doing well. Already time for the third quarterly meeting in Mentone. DeSoto always does a great job of hosting our meetings and we are looking forward to going again this year, not to mention Mentone is a beautiful part of our state. Hope everyone can go a day early or stay a day late and get to visit the area.

We finished up our drone grant program at the last meeting and awarded the drones to several squads. A big thank you to Brian Moses from Morgan County Rescue Squad for writing the grant again for this year. The squads receiving the drones were Cherokee Rescue squad, Monroe County Rescue squad, RATSAR, DeSoto Rescue squad, and the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Department. At this time we have hit 7 out of 9 regions of the Alabama Association of RC&D councils in the state. We can't say enough about them for the dedication to helping the rescue squads and the citizens of this state.

Without them this drone program would not be possible. We had a lost person found

with Morgan County's drone last Friday night so the program is paying off. If you have been using your drones please let us know. We would like to share it with everyone. We would also like to get all the squads together soon that received one of the drones and do a training and photo shoot to release to the press. It would be good for our Association and the Alabama Association of RC&D councils.

People of this state need to know about the program and how well it's working and how it was funded.

On a sad note Morgan County Rescue squad lost a founding member of our Rescue squad this month. Dennis Roberson had given a lifetime of dedication in the rescue squad and fire service. He has been a mentor of mine for the last 28 years. He will be dearly missed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mentone. Be safe and 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,

We are approaching the end of our third quarter for 2023, and training has begun a prosperous upswing in the Association. I have seen a good number of new AARS State certified instructors added to

the database. Along with this, there are an increased number of remote training classes taking place throughout the state. This increase in training events means a higher quality of excellence within these squads and a higher quality of support is being provided to the citizens and communities we support! Thanks to the dedicated members stepping up and becoming leaders and mentors in the training fields, we are getting more quality classes out to support the membership. For those requesting classes you are becoming the leaders in acquiring quality events for your squad members. For those instructors that are dedicating your time and expertise to deliver the much needed training, you are commended for your efforts.

As we come closer to the 2023 annual AARS conference we have a diverse agenda of quality training events planned and scheduled to be presented for your education and enhancement for your squad. Please look at the new training events scheduled and plan to attend and spend quality time gaining the highly technical expertise we have worked to bring to the 2023 AARS annual training conference. I wish to offer my thanks to all the instructors and members that have helped with the increased training as well as those squads supporting these quality training events.

Ray Hogans
AARS 2VP

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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

AARS MEETING MINUTES

2nd Quarterly Meeting
May 20, 2023
Athens, AL

Colors posted by the Honor Guard, opening prayer by Mike Tidwell

Speakers: Eddie Arnold Limestone County EMA, George Grabryan Lauderdale County EMA

Meeting called to order by Danny Butler.

Danny brought up that it is time to pay Chauncey and Jimmy for their Legislative work. The motion was made by Cherokee County to pay Chauncey \$5000.00 and Jimmy \$1600.00. Motion was seconded by Fischer Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Chauncey spoke about the bills in Legislation and the ARPA money.

Roll was called with 54 squads in attendance.

Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion was seconded by Vernon Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

The financial report was read and a motion to accept was made by Daphne Search and Rescue. Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Ray spoke about the spring training, training was cancelled.

Ray spoke about being able to train at the new water park in Montgomery has approved for first responders to train at the park, will have swift water.

Ray spoke about the spring training cruise, it is a 6 day cruise.

Brian had one new squad to vote on, Green County Ambulance Service. The motion was made by Union Rescue Squad. The motion was seconded by Cherokee Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny spoke about the passing of David Garmon, Gulf Coast Region EMS. The motion was made by Cherokee County Rescue Squad to send flowers. The motion was seconded by Union Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny spoke about the new webmaster; he is working on getting the webpage updated. His name is Charlie Jones.

Danny also spoke about self-deployment; the INSURANCE WILL NOT PAY IF YOU SELF DEPLOY.

We have 6 new drones and they have been awarded to: Cherokee County, Monroe County, Desoto, RAT-SAR and Tuscaloosa County.

Also, there are new transponders needed for the drones, they should be around \$1500.00. The motion was made by Scottsboro-Jackson Rescue Squad. The second was made by Cherokee County. Motion carried.

Rescuer of the Quarter is 6 members of Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad, David McDonald, Stephany Nicholas, Jordan Johnson, Kim Johnson and John Kendrick. The Athens-Limestone Rescue squad will be presented with a plaque and the 6 members will be given a certificate.

Colors removed by the Honor Guard.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

**AARS 3rd Quarterly Meeting
Mentone Community Church
90 Summerville Road
Mentone, AL 35984
August 19, 2023**

**Hosted by
Desoto Rescue Squad**

Agenda

Registration -- 8:00 am to 9:30 am
Welcome -- 9:30 am
Board of Directors Meeting -- 10:00 am
Lunch -- 12:00 am
General Business Meeting -- 1:00 pm

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