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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. Sure has been busy up here in these parts.

Thanks to Desoto Rescue Squad for putting on a great 3rd Quarterly meeting. It was great to see everybody there. 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.

Just to pass along, the Executive Board went to the TARS Conference and spent several days there. It was good to see how and what they do during their meetings. We met with their officers and Executive Director, everyone made us feel welcome and it was a great experience. Hopefully we can go back next year. Ray and Jim met with their training coordinator. Had a good meeting with them and watched some of their competitions.

As we go into our Conference mode now all the classes have been set, so be sure to pre-register for the class you want to attend. Ray has done a great job putting this together. If you have any problems, please contact any board member and we will help you. Keep Mike Tidwell in your prayers, he had knee surgery. He is doing well resting at home now.

There is going to be an election at Conference as noted in the By-Laws you must present a Green Card to vote. This is a new change to that was voted in this year. We hope to see you all at the Conference this year. Have a safe trip and be safe out there as we know COVID is making its rounds again.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Hope this letter finds everyone and their families doing well. First I would like to thank De Soto Rescue Squad for hosting the third quarterly meeting. Mentone is beautiful. Hope a lot of you got to attend and take advantage of the local state parks.

Conference is coming up quick. Please take advantage of the classes Ray has put together. Sign up early so the classes will not have to be canceled. A lot of hard work goes into Conference so please take part in the classes offered and the rest of the activities.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there. 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,

As we reach the end of the 2023 training year, we have seen several new squads becoming members of the Association. With these new squads entering the brotherhood we have a mission to provide support and training for these new members. As the AARS training program grows and more quality members are becoming AARS State certified instructors our ability to provide quality training events is growing day by day. We have selected and appointed a state Training Coordinator (Mr. Jim Dennis, from Childersburg Rescue) to work diligently with my position as 2nd VP to help provide needed assistance to any squad requesting a training class. Along with this we are looking to appoint three assistants within the state (Northern, Central, and Southern area) to work and assist with class scheduling and instructor assignments. These assistants should be qualified instructors and be willing to volunteer to hold these positions of great responsibility. I would like to have anyone interested in filling one of these positions please contact myself and let me know if you feel this is for you. These positions will greatly assist with coordinating and providing needed training events for all the AARS squads in the state. It has been a busy year working on the AARS training program and as of today we have provided twenty eight (28) AARS Training events and an additional fourteen (14) training events statewide.

We now have forty (40) AARS Certified Training Instructors! As we enter the next aspect of this training program, we look forward to increasing the number and quality of training to every member of this association. It has been a challenge and I look forward to more and better events in the coming year. This year's, AARS Conference has three diverse training classes. We have a FEMA National Certification Class, VFIS is providing an EVOC Instructor Certification class, and the ALEA Aviation section will be conducting hands on training for Helicopter Evacuation Hoist Training class for the AARS members. Some new and diverse advanced training for the squad members! It has been an Honor serving the AARS this past year and I look forward to being able to continue to make this program bigger and better in the future for all squads and individual members in the **AARS!**

Thank You
Ray Hogans
AARS 2nd VP

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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

August 19, 2023
AARS MEETING MINUTES

3rd Quarterly Meeting

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren.

Guest speaker Mike Posey EMA Deputy Director Dekalb County.

Danny Butler called the meeting to order.

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

Motion was made by East Colbert Rescue Squad to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny read a thank you card from the David Garmon family.

There was a motion made by Athens-Limestone to do a reimbursement of up to \$500.00 for host squads that serve lunch, receipts must be turned in. Motion was seconded by Daphne Search and Rescue.

New bugle was approved for purchase of \$580.00 by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion was seconded by Union Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Our tri-fold brochures are in, printed by ACI for \$480.40.

Chauncey spoke about the bills we have in legislation: Act 2023-103, Act 2023-311, Act 2023-253,

Act 2023-353, Act 2023-510. Chauncey also spoke about needing to get the Stars number for your Squad, he advised if anyone has any questions to contact him.

Ray spoke about the training for the drones in late October. Make sure you register online for the FEMA class. EVOC is all day Thursday and 1/2 day Friday, there was a misprint in the packet. EMS Training cruise is March, be sure to go to website and register before it is filled up.

Rescuer of the Quarter is Danny Butler with Geraldine Rescue Squad.

Brian had 4 new squads to present:

Antioch Vol Fire Dept. Motion to accept made by LASAR. Motion was seconded by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Lee County Rescue Squad. Motion to accept was made by East Colbert Rescue Squad. Motion was seconded by Rosalie Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Munford Fire and Rescue. Motion to accept was made by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Southwest Tuscaloosa County Rescue Squad. Motion to accept was made by Choctaw County Rescue Squad.

Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny Smith talked about the By-laws, will stand as they are.

The nominating committee recommends:

Ray Hogans as 2nd Vice President. Rosalie nominated Eddie Tigue from Scottsboro-Jackson Rescue Squad.

Winston County Search and Dive made motion for nominations to be closed.

Motion was seconded by North Lamar Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Brian Bailey as 1st Vice President Childersburg Rescue Squad nominated Chauncey Wood from LASAR.

East Colbert made motion to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Danny Butler for President.

No nominations from the floor.

Collinsville Rescue Squad made motion to close the nominations. Motion was seconded by Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Conference Schedule

Friday, November 10, 2023

Registration	2:00 pm—5:00 pm
Seafood Boil/Bash (pizza for kids)	6:30 pm

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Registration	8:00 am—9:00 am
Vendors/Exhibits	8:00 am—3:00 pm
Welcome/Guest Speakers	9:15 am—10:00 am
Scrapbook Viewing	10:00 am—4:00 pm
Board of Directors	10:00 am—12:00 pm
Voting Following BOD if needed	

LUNCH

General Business Meeting	1:30 pm—3:30 pm
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Banquet	7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)
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