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FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

From the Desk of the President

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 all the squads and Venders for coming to the 2023 Conference. It was great to see everybody there. I hope you got the training you needed there. If you want to see something different or have a class let an officer know.

At this time of my writing, I guess you all have seen a press by myself concerning a search in Barbour County. It was met with a Non-affiliated squad showing up on the scene and was asked to leave. They in turn did their own release that was not true. Since the press release of ours it has now seems to be resolved. Please use careful and tactful communications to avoid a confrontation. We are there for the people that has called us.

Looking forward to serving you again for another year. As you know this will be my last year as President. I have always put the office in high regards. We are looking forward to getting the Microsoft software out as soon as possible when it is made available to us.

We will be working the state house again when it goes back in session in February. Hopefully, it will be a good session. Mr. Wood, Mr. Lonney and myself will be there.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

*RECRUIT * RECRUIT* RECRUIT*

This is AARS Membership Committee's goal for 2024.

We have 16 Counties out of 67 that do not have a Rescue Squad in their County. The Membership Committee Members and myself as Chairperson will be contacting squads in counties that once served and the Community, Town, City or County to recruit new squads for potential members.

AARS is your Association, so Let's go to work and make The Alabama Association of Rescue Squads the Best We Can Be!!

See y'all at the 1st quarterly in Childersburg on the 17th of February. Stay safe and be prepared for any emergency.

Call me if needed.....

Chauncey Wood
1st VP

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Hello All AARS Members,

As we start into a new year I wish to thank all for your support and trust in allowing me to serve as your 2VP for another term. Your trust and confidence in me are invaluable to me!

I am committed to devoting more time and energy to all the squads and achieving the continuance of the training and education programs for all AARS squads and members. The monthly training initiative is in full swing and our first training event took place in January, and our second training event is taking place in February. We are working to provide some much needed training in all three areas of the state on a monthly basis. At present the state has been set up with three sectors of training regions. The north section will be controlled by Tina Baxter of Athens Limestone, the northern coordinator. The central section will be controlled by Jim Dennis of Childersburg the central and state training coordinator. The southern region will be coordinated by Susan Baxter of LASAR, the southern training coordinator. These individuals are here to assist all AARS squads with hosting and acquiring training events in their respective areas of the state. These individuals will help any squad to obtain any needed training event and assist you with equipment and instructors for needed training classes. Please get with these individuals and volunteer to host training at your location to become a viable part to make the training program a beneficial tool and a successful venture for the entire state!

Again, I offer my support and ability to the entire organization for training and to assist with needed educational events for all members. If you have a suggestion for a training evolution for your squad, please let me know. Any suggestions for our 2024 annual Conference please let me know early. Time is needed to schedule good classes for the annual conference, and your suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Ray Hogans
AARS 2nd VP

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 2023
Orange Beach, AL

Colors posted by the Honor Guard. Opening prayer Hoyt McCaghren.

Meeting called to order by President Danny.

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

Motion to dispense with the reading of the financial report was made by Autauga County Rescue Squad. Motion was seconded by Marengo County **Fire & Rescue. Motion carried.**

Ray Hogans 2nd Vice-President has set up divisions across the state for training coordinators:

North Alabama - Tina Baxter Athens-Limestone Rescue Squad

Central Alabama Jim Dennis - Training Coordinator Childersburg Rescue Squad

South Alabama - Susan Baxter Lower Alabama Search and Rescue

Ray spoke about the cruise, there are 9 classes scheduled for the cruise

There are 43 instructors statewide.

Rescuer of the Quarter was presented to Susan Baxter LASAR

Danny brought up to make Charles Tucker from Marengo County Fire & Rescue **a Lifetime Member.**

Motion was made by Daphne Search and Rescue. Motion was seconded by **Tallaco K-9 Unit. Motion carried.**

Microsoft has awarded the AARS to build a database, they will be doing the work on it.

There were 9/10 squads that attended the drone training.

We need to add air data to the drones at a cost of \$20.00 per drone.

The Executive Board approved Debbie for the year 2024.

Motion was made by Daphne Search and Rescue to approve. Motion was seconded by Geraldine Rescue Squad. **Motion carried.**

Discussion about increasing the salary for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer from **\$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Motion was made by Vernon Rescue Squad to give the raise. Motion was seconded by North Lamar Rescue Squad. Motion carried.**

Debbie will be retiring as Executive Secretary-Treasurer at the end of 2024. Resumes for anyone interested in the position can send their resumes to the Ways and Means Committee.

Gwen stepped down as Editor of the magazine, she said she would do the **1st quarter magazine.**

There was discussion about just doing the electronic version of the magazine. Carbon Hill made a motion to table this discussion. Motion was seconded by

Lake Martin Search and Rescue. Motion was tabled.

Matt spoke about the tuition reimbursement program.

Matt announced the results. Chauncey Wood **1st Vice President** and Ray Hogans **2nd Vice President.**

The meeting was adjourned until the banquet.

New officers were installed.

No further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned.

AARS QUARTERLY MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2024
Central Alabama Community College
34091 US 280, Childersburg, AL 35044

Registration	8:00 am—10:00 am
Posting of Colors	9:00 am
Welcome	9:15 am
Board of Directors	10:00 am—11:30 am
Lunch (Provided)	11:30 am—1:00 pm
General Business Meeting	1:00 pm

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