

The Alabama Association of Rescue Squads Presents

The Alabama Rescuer



The AARS BOD attended the signing by Governor Kay Ivey, of the Alabama Bill for permanent vehicle tags for Rescue Squad owned equipment.

From left to right, Ray Hogans 2nd VP, Jimmy Looney Governmental Affairs, Danny Kelso, Rep. Parker Moore, seated Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, Senator Ed Oliver, Chauncey Wood 1st VP Danny Butler President, Jamie Grey director ADPH.

The AARS BOD while attending bill signing with Gov. Kay Ivey presented the Legislator of the year award to representative Parker Moore.

From Left to Right,

Jimmy Looney, Danny Kelso, Parker Moore, Chauncey Wood, Danny Butler, Ray Hogans AARS, and Jamie Grey ADPH



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2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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SAR, Al Nix, Choctaw Rescue
K-9, Fay Ingram, Tallaco K-9
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2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

NOMINATING

CHAIRMAN:

Johnny Warren, Anniston
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Jimmy Looney, East Colbert
Tina Wood, LASAR

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Ray Hogans, LASAR
Matthew Knight, Randolph County
Al Nix, Choctaw Rescue
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Letty Rodriguez, LASAR
Mike Surles, Autauga Rescue

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CONFERENCE AND DIVE

CHAIRMAN: DEBBIE TIDWELL, WINSTON COUNTY SEARCH

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Tina Wood, LASAR
Joyce Butler Geraldine
Jimmy Looney, East Colbert
Michelle Looney, East Colbert
Ray Hogans, LASAR
Gwen Stone, Desoto

AARS HISTORIANS

BRE HEARD, Rosalie

&

JAMES MILLER, Etowah County

FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

Danny Butler



Hope everyone had a safe summer so far. It has been a weird one for sure. I would like to thank Alabama fire college, Tuscaloosa Co Sheriff Office, Southwest Tuscaloosa Co Rescue and Antioch Rescue for a great meeting. Food was good and the nanner pudding was awesome.

3 RD quarterly meeting will be held in Boaz, AL. I want to thank them for hosting the meeting. Officer Nominations for 2025 officers will be done at this meeting.

If you have someone in mind let the Nomination committee know.

I am also pleased to announce that Matt Knight has accepted the position of Executive Sec/Treasure for the 2025. We had great candidates to apply.

Elections will be held at Conference. Green Cards is required, can have a picture of card on phone.

As we go into this year, I want to make sure the Tax money will be put to great use and given out to the deserving members of the Association.

Grants are due 15 days prior to the 3 rd quarter meeting.

Be sure to look at the web site, let us know if we need to add anything on there as for information.

Danny Butler,

President

FROM THE DESK OF CHAUNCEY D. WOOD 1 ST VICE PRESIDENT

Hello to all my fellow AARS Members:

I pray all is well with you and your families! First of all I want to say a Big "THANKS" to Jeff Judd with the Tuscaloosa County sheriff's Search and Rescue and Crew, and the Alabama Fire College Director Matt Russell and his Right Hand Man Reid Vaughn and staff for being the fine host they were for the second quarterly meeting. They did a great job, made us all feel welcome, and we had a record number of squads in attendance. The food was delicious too!!



Our next meeting, the third quarterly meeting will be in Boaz, hosted by Union rescue on Saturday, August 17 th located at the Jimmy Harris VFW. Captain Tony Carroll and President Jonathan Windsor always go out of their way to make us all feel at home.

Your Membership Committee is working extra hard in Recruiting, Retention and Reclusion. Escambia County Search and Rescue Squad was voted in, and Ashridge Fire and Rescue from Winston County was nominated but did not have a representative there so they are coming back up to be voted on at the third quarterly meeting along with some other new squads to be introduced.

On a sad note, in the early morning hours of Wednesday July 3 rd , a catastrophic fire destroyed the North Lamar Rescue Squad building. They lost everything but one ambulance! All squads please check the AARS website for a list of supplies and items needed and call Desiree @ (205) 431-7861 to let her know what you can help with, I'm sure they will be most grateful.

Remember, as we approach the end of what's been a very hot and humid summer to be sure to stay hydrated. This year has flown by with a lot happening for sure, and more coming forthwith, in the remaining months.

Please keep Coosa Valley Rescue in your prayers with their loss of two long time members: Fred Maney and John Faulkner Sr, along with the passing of long time Etowah County Rescue member and former AARS Chaplin Doyce Bobbitt. They will be greatly missed.

Y'all make plans to attend the third quarterly meeting and bring someone with you. This is your association so get involved so you can make a difference. See Ya in Boaz!!!

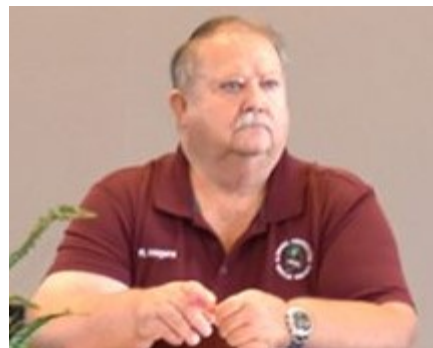
Congratulations to 2nd Vice President Ray Hogans and State Training coordinator Jim Dennis on achieving Over 1000 Certifications in the first half of the year!

Be safe out there and May God Bless!

Chauncey Wood

1 st Vice President

3 rd qtr. 2VP letter



Hello all AARS Members,

As we look forward to fall and the hunting seasons that follow we will again find ourselves on more missions involving hikers and hunters. We have all had a busy summer season with boating and water related incidents. As well as multiple training events for increased capability in the knowledge and Expertise to successfully complete our duties in the rescue arena! I wish to say those participating in the advanced training our well versed instructors have provided has been a complete success for the squad members attending and enhanced the ability of the AARS as a whole in our professionalism and dedication to become a professionally trained agency protecting the citizens we so graciously serve in Alabama and the surrounding areas.

I am greatly pleased that we were able to increase the number of area training coordinators from three sections to a total of six. This increase has allowed training events more accessible to the AARS squads and their members in more locations and easier to access in their local areas. The area coordinators have been a great asset to me and have become valuable links to the AARS training program. It has made multiple training events and outstanding support to both the Association and to the valued members of the rescue squads statewide.

We have more advanced training events scheduled for this years conference along with new exciting competitions for team building with exceptional skills and problem solving for all.

Great awards will be available for the teams that successfully master this competition. Get your four persons, teams together and be ready to try something new and enjoyable.

Ray Hogans

2 nd VP AARS

Education and Training



The June AARS monthly training was directed at Swift Water Rescue. The training was for orientation to the Awareness of the rescue from Swift Water and the safety aspects of the mission. This is part one of the three part program to familiarize rescue personnel with this aspect of the rescue mission during many types of water rescue techniques.

Six different training locations conducted the part one class for a number of the AARS Squad personnel. With these different training locations we are providing quality training in close proximity to all of our AARS Members at a no cost training event. As the program continues to grow with more and more members taking part in the opportunity to gain quality guidance and skills in the rescue community the AARS and all our community support

Rescue Squads gain expert information and skills to serve their local community.

As time moves forward the requirement for more and better training events are becoming extremely important for every squad to be able to acquire the skills to maintain readiness and to be able to conduct expert rescue events in a highly skilled manner and with safe competent certified and well conducted missions!

Thanks goes out to all the area coordinators and the quality instructors helping to provide expert training classes for the AARS and the Squad Members that are stepping up to become professional rescue teams around the Great State of Alabama!

Ray Hogans

2 nd VP AARS

Education and Training

2nd Quarterly Meeting

5/18/2024

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Meeting called to order by President Danny Butler.

Roll was called with 64 squads in attendance.

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

Motion was made by Blount County Rescue Squad to dispense with the reading of the financial report. Motion was seconded by Ider Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Ray reported that in 6 months there has been 798 members that have attended the classes. Ray also spoke about conference classes and the importance of registering for the classes.

On June 8th there will be a Swiftwater class, June 29th there will be a man tracking class, July 13th there will be an extrication class and in August there will be a K-9 class. Jim Dennis spoke about K-9 training/certification in Sylacauga.

The 365 training database should be ready by conference.

Chauncey spoke about membership: had 1 new squad to present but do to a mix up with the department they will be at the August meeting.

Escambia County had not renewed but later sent in their paperwork. Motion was made by Tallapoosa K-9 Unit to vote them back in. Motion was seconded by Childersburg Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Chauncey spoke about the legislation:

HB 126 2024-81 Invisible Disability – sensory needs signed April 16th

HB 46 2024 -291 Permanent Tag – pay a one-time fee of \$24.25 for Squad Vehicles/Trailers

HB 145 2024-351 Volunteer EMS – reimbursement for EMS Training

HB 241 2024-388 First Responder

HB290 2024-392 John Wesley Foster Act – to place AED/CPR Instructor to work with schools. The AARS will train the Legislators.

Danny announced that Matt Knight will be the new Sec/Treas, he will start his training June 1st. Motion was made by Disaster Relief to hire Matt. Motion was seconded by Winston County Search and Dive Team. Motion carried.

The Board had received a complaint about the election at the last conference. Matt answered the concerns.

Matt resigned as Chair of the Nominating Committee Motion was made by Union Rescue Squad to table until the August meeting. Motion was seconded by LASAR. Tabled until August.

The August meeting will now be hosted by Union Rescue Squad and will be held in Boaz.

If anyone wants to submit a design for conference shirt and our new tag should have them submitted by the August meeting.

Need to compile a list of all squads that have drones, not just the ones provided by the AARS.

The large trailer is being refurbished; we will pay for the materials.

It is time to pay Chauncey and Jimmy for the time they put in for our legislation. Motion was made by McIntosh Rescue Squad to pay Chauncey \$5000.00 and Jimmy \$1500.00. Motion was seconded by Ider Rescue Squad. Motion carried.

Lifetime membership was awarded to Charles R Tucker from Marengo County Rescue Squad.

With no further action, the meeting was adjourned.





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August 20, 2024

Dear Squad Leader:

Enclosed is the information for the 2024 Conference. It will be at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf. The address is 4671 Wharf Parkway Orange Beach, AL.

The Dates for the Conference are November 7th – 9th. It is the second weekend this year. Classes will begin on Thursday the 7th and the banquet will be on Saturday the 9th. The FEMA Cert class will begin on Thursday the 7th, this is a 12hr class it will be held Thursday all day and Friday morning. This is a FEMA Cert class and preregistration required prior to attendance thru FEMA. Two VFIS Train-the-Trainer Classes as well.

Springhill Suites will be our host hotel again this year. Springhill Suites 4673 Wharf Parkway (251) 943-6600. The nightly rate is \$129.00. Reservation Code is RESCUE SQUADS 2024 11/6-11/10.

Reservations must be booked by October 7th to get this rate.

All Classes need to be registered by October 10th. We must have these in so we can plan instructors and to make sure that we have enough people signed up to make it feasible to host the class. DO NOT EXPECT TO SHOW UP AND THE CLASS TO BE OFFERED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION.

Make sure to look over the packet and let your members know what classes are available. Also keep a check on the webpage and our Facebook page for any last-minute changes that may have to be made.

**The number to reach the AARS office is (205) 801-9918 or email me @
mknight@LASAR2121.onmicrosoft.com**

Look forward to seeing everyone in November for our GREAT ANNUAL CONFERENCE!!!!!!

Danny Butler-President

Chauncey Wood-1st Vice President

Ray Hogans-2nd Vice-President

Debbie Tidwell Executive Sec/Treas

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

NAME OF ATTENDEES	TRAINING/MEETING	TRAINING/MEETING BANQUET	NON-MEMBER
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PRE REGISTRAION FEE COMPUTATIONS

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AARS FOR TOTAL AMOUNT

PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 10th

____ ATTENDEES @ \$15.00 EACH = _____

____ ATTENDEES @ \$35.00 EACH = _____

____ ATTENDEES @ \$40.00 EACH = _____

THIS INCLUDES CHILDREN UNLESS THEY WANT HAMBURGER/HOTDOG
(PLEASE ADVISE ON FORM)

CLASS REGISTRATION

FEMA CERT 12hr THURS AND FRI 8:00am _____

MUST REGISTER WITH FEMA ONLINE AND

HAVE SID#. MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS FOR CERTIFICATION

THURSDAY

ADPH MENTAL HEALTH 8:00am – 12:00pm _____

ADPH PALS 12:00pm – 5:00pm _____

VFIS ATV/UTV SAFETY OPERATIONS

INSTRUCTOR TRAIN THE TRAINER

8:00-12:00 _____

FRIDAY

USA PATIENT SIMULATOR 8:00am – 12:00pm _____

VFIS TRAILERING SAFETY

INSTRUCTOR TRAIN THE TRAINER

8:00am – 3:00pm _____

AHA CPR/AED RENEWAL 8:00am – UNTIL _____

FRONT PARKING AREA 3 PM Friday

TEAM BUILDING COMPETITION / CHALLENGE _____

Conference Schedule

Friday November 8, 2024

Registration	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Seafood Boil/Bash	6:30pm
Pizza for Kids	

Saturday November 9, 2024

Registration	8:00am – 9:00am
Vendors/Exhibits	8:00am – 3:00pm
Welcome/Guest Speakers	9:15am – 10:00am
Scrapbook Viewing	10:00am – 4:00pm
Board of Directors	10:00am – 12:00pm
Voting following BOD if needed	
LUNCH	12:00pm – 1:30pm
General Business Meeting	1:30pm -3:30pm
BANQUET	7:00pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

AARS 2024 Conference Classes

Room # 1

FEMA- Disaster Preparedness 12 hr **ALL STUDENTS MUST PRE REGISTER FOR FEMA CLASS, WITH TEEX. REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE AARS WEB SITE! [ALARS.org](https://aars.org) MUST HAVE FEMS SID NUMBER TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS.**

Room 1 **Thursday AM/PM & Friday AM**

USA- Patient Simulator 4 hr
Room 1 **Friday PM**

Room # 2

ADPH- MENTAL HEALTH CLASS 4 hr
Room 2 **Thursday AM**

ADPH- PALS CLASS 4 hr
Room 2 **Thursday PM**

VFIS- Trailering Safety Instructor 6 hr
Room 2 **Friday AM/PM**

Room # 3

VFIS- ATV / UTV Safety Instructor 6 hr
Room 3 **Thursday AM/PM**

Room # 4

AHA/LASAR CPR REFRESHER 6 HR
ROOM 4 **Friday AM/PM**

Due to the Wharf being a VOTING location on Tuesday the facility is not available for AARS use on Wednesday. The voting equipment will be in the process of teardown and removal for storage.

2024 AARS CONFERENCE CLASSES

SCHEDULE BY DAY & LOCATION

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

ROOM 1

FEMA DISASTER PREPARDNESS
08:00-17:00

ROOM 2

ADPH FIRST RESPONDER MENTAL HEALTH
08:00-12:00

ADPH PALS
12:00-17:00

ROOM 3

VFIS ATV/UTV SAFETY OPERATIONS INSTRUCTOR TRAIN THE TRAINER
08:00-12:00

ROOM 4

OPEN

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

ROOM 1

FEMA DISASTER PREPAIRDNESS

08:00-12:00

USA PATIENT SIMULATOR

12:00-17:00

ROOM 2

VFIS TRAILERING SAFETY INSTRUCTOR TRAIN THE TRAINER

08:00-15:00

ROOM 3

OPEN AM

ROOM 4

AHA CPR/AED RENEWAL

08:00- UNTIL

FRONT PARKING AREA; 3 PM Friday

TEAM BUILDING COMPETITION / CHALLENGE

EACH FOUR PERSON TEAM, Will be tasked to complete a designed physical challenge /brain teaser. After each event some teams may be eliminated. There will be three events total and the last four teams shall be required to complete the final team challenge. The first place team will receive the winning trophy and a CASH prize!

Teams may be from the same squad or multiple squads working together. Teams must sign up for the challenge by 12 noon on Friday!



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AWARDS

Wendell Price Award

The Wendell Price Award for Outstanding Community Service is presented to a squad member who serves his squad and community on a regular basis. This award is for someone who contributes their time by doing routine activities for their organization or always making themselves available for search and rescue operations. In addition, this person might serve the community in other ways, such as teaching CPR or First Responder courses. This award is not for singular heroic acts. The winner of this award will be presented with a plaque at the banquet. Runners-up will be awarded a certificate of recognition. Nominations for this award must be received by the association no later than November 1st' each year.

Rescuer of the Quarter

The Rescuer of the Quarter Award is awarded quarterly for a squad member who performs an outstanding rescue act that deserves recognition. The winner of this award is presented with a plaque at the quarterly meeting. Nominations for this award must be received no later than 10 days prior to the Quarterly Meeting.

Citizen of the Year Award

The Citizen of the Year Award is to recognize someone *other than a squad member who* has done some outstanding rescue act since the last convention. The winner of this award will be invited to our banquet and will be presented with a plaque. Nominations for this award must be received no later than November 1st each year.

Glenn Parris Award

This award is presented in honor of our founder Glen Parris. The recipient of this award is chosen from the winners of the Rescuer of the Quarter for the current year.

If you wish to nominate anyone for these awards, please send your nomination to:

2nd Lt. Ray Hogans
14350 County Rd 93
Lillian, AL 36549
Email: boots1@gulftel.com

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SCRAP BOOK CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must pertain to the squad or squad members and must be neat in form.
2. All scrapbook material must be for the current year.
3. Scrap book must be bound. No entry will be accepted with the pages just stapled together.
4. All photos must be identified as to who is in the picture and what activity is shown. PICTURES OF VICTIMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
5. All entries must be displayed by 10: 00 AM November 9th and remain until 4:00 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS
6. The decision of the judges will be final.

If you have any questions, please contact Keith Bailey at (256)267-1789 • or email at editor@alars.org

ANY CHANGES TO THESE RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE ALABAMA RESCUER



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Memorial Service

This service is in honor of members of the Alabama Association of Rescue squads who have passed away since our last conference. Our Chaplain performs this service during the Banquet. If you would like to have a deceased member of your squad included in this service, please complete the Memorial Service form below and return it to our Chaplain, this should be mailed no later than October 15th to ensure they are received in time to be included.

Mail To:

**Alabama Association of Rescue Squads
P O Box 780
Roanoke, AL 36274**

Memorial Service Information

Please type or print clearly

Squad: _____

Deceased Member: _____

Date of Death: _____ **Age:** _____

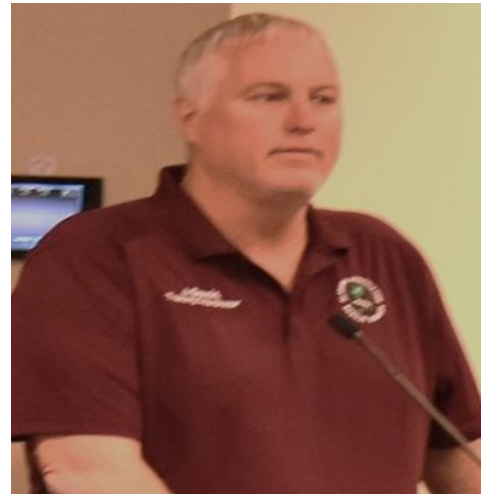
Years in Squad: _____

Offices held in Squad _____

Other Comments _____

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**From the Desk of the
Training Coordinator
Jim Dennis**



What an awesome three months since the last meeting. Training is running very well thanks to great participation from our members. At this point, we have presented over 1000 certificates for training. That is a great achievement in any organization, and it is due to the efforts of everyone participating. Training is a very important part of being able to do a job safely, and more efficiently. Please take advantage of any training that is available as it will make you stronger as a first responder. We recently had a man tracking class in Columbiana and the knowledge gained and facilities were outstanding. If you see any areas we can use to improve training, please communicate this to us. Training is always a work in progress, striving to be better.

If any squad would like to have a particular class for their unit, please fill out the form on the website and send it to me to set it up. We will need at least thirty days' notice to schedule the instructor and materials needed to teach the class. Let's put these instructors to work to be stronger as a squad. If you would like to host a monthly class, please see a regional coordinator to set it up for your area.

If you are planning to attend the conference and attend the FEMA class, please go to the website and register asap. This will allow us to prepare for a better experience for you in the classroom setting. Conference has many classes to choose from and I hope to see all of you there. If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me and I look forward to serving as your training coordinator in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Jim Dennis

State Training Coordinator

Greetings from training:

July 13th multiple Squad units came together for training on the extrication in different parts of the state. The training was a great success and lots of knowledge was gained. Across the state we had 105 people participate and even though that is a good number I would love to see it be higher. This training will increase the efficiency of each to be able to get victims out of entrapment and to a hospital quicker for treatment thereby increasing a chance at Living. Training is very important and I am asking each and every one of you to get in the game and quit sitting on the sidelines. No matter what job you do it requires training and if you feel training is not needed you're a danger to yourself as well as others. No one knows all the answers and training should never stop for there is always something to learn. I am happy with the way the training program is going but as a whole we can do better. If you were to ask anyone in yesterday's training was it worth it I would venture to say it would be a very strong yes. I look forward to working with each of you in the future and let us train not till we get it right but until we cannot get it wrong. That is when we know we have done our best.

Sincerely,
Jim Dennis





To All Concerned:

Due to the expected extreme heat in August, I am delaying the dog cert to Sept. when it is hoped to be a little cooler. On the following dates, we will be testing the dogs for AARS certifications. The certifications will be in Sylacauga near the watersheds in the National Forest. Directions will be supplied at the 3rd quarterly meeting. Certification will start at 9AM each Saturday

Please send an email to aarstraining@aol.com if planning to attend. List squad name, what date you will attend and how many dogs are coming to be evaluated.

Sept. 7th- air scent dogs

Sept. 14th- Track and Trail dogs

Sept 21st- Cadaver

Sincerely,

Jim Dennis

State Training Coordinator

AARS Third Quarter Meeting has been
relocated for:

August 17th 2024

New location will be Boaz Alabama
hosted by UNION Rescue.

1441 US HWY,
431 BOAZ AL.

JIMMY HARRIS VFW Post 6837

Trivia Questions

1. What is the triangle bars used for on rescue squad boats.
- 2 How many dog teams are in the AARS in 2024
3. How many levels are there in an incident command event
- 4 When are officers Instated for the upcoming year
- 5 How many squads are in AARS
- 6 Who is in Charge of an incident when on scene
- 7 What is the one requirement every first responder must have training in
- 8 How often do you have to renew CPR training
- 9 What are the AARS colors
- 10 When do you respond to a call
- 11 How many dogs are in AARS
- 12 How do you look through tinted glass on a vehicle without touching it



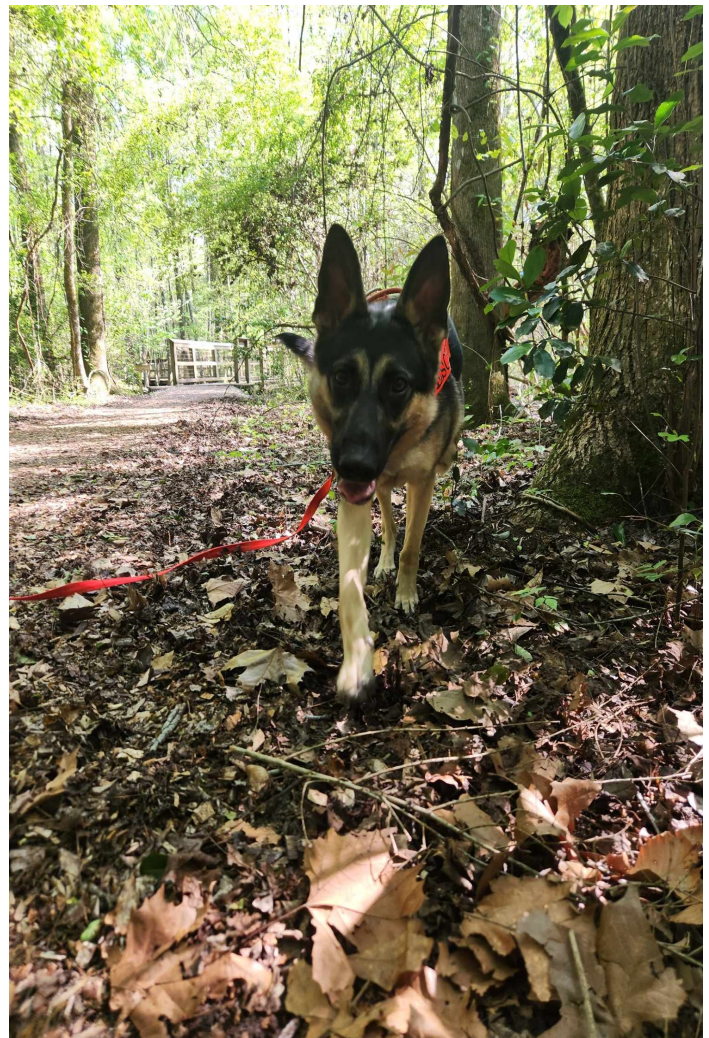
Answers Below

Trivia Answers

- 1A. dragging operations
- 2A. 14
- 3A. 5
- 4A. In Nov at the confrence and taking office on 1 January for a one year term.
- 5A. 111
- 6A. The Incident Commander
- 7A. NIMS 100, 200, 700, and 800
- 8A. Every two years
- 9A. Green and White
- 10A. When dispatched ONLY, NEVER SELF DISPATCH
- 11A. 120
- 12A. Camera on a cell phone

Central Alabama K9 Unit

Established in 2022. We are an all-volunteer K9 Search & Rescue group made up of 3 German shepherd scent discrimination dogs, we are a 501 (C) (3) non-profit group. Our members are made up of various backgrounds. Since we have been organized, we became members voted into the Alabama Association Rescue Squads (AARS). We serve all of Central Alabama or anywhere in the state we are needed, and we will work with all agencies upon request that needs our assistance in any way. Our unit has come a long way in a very short time since being established, but it's been a very busy year of training; 2 man tracking classes one advanced class, BLS, Cal topo classes, as well as FEMA classes, events, and functions, as well as Pet CPR and First Aid classes. This year alone to date we have had 7 calls. One of our biggest honors for our K9 Unit was being asked by AARS and the family of long time Coosa Valley Rescue Squad member Mr. John W. Faulkner to be Honorary Pall Bearers at his funeral.

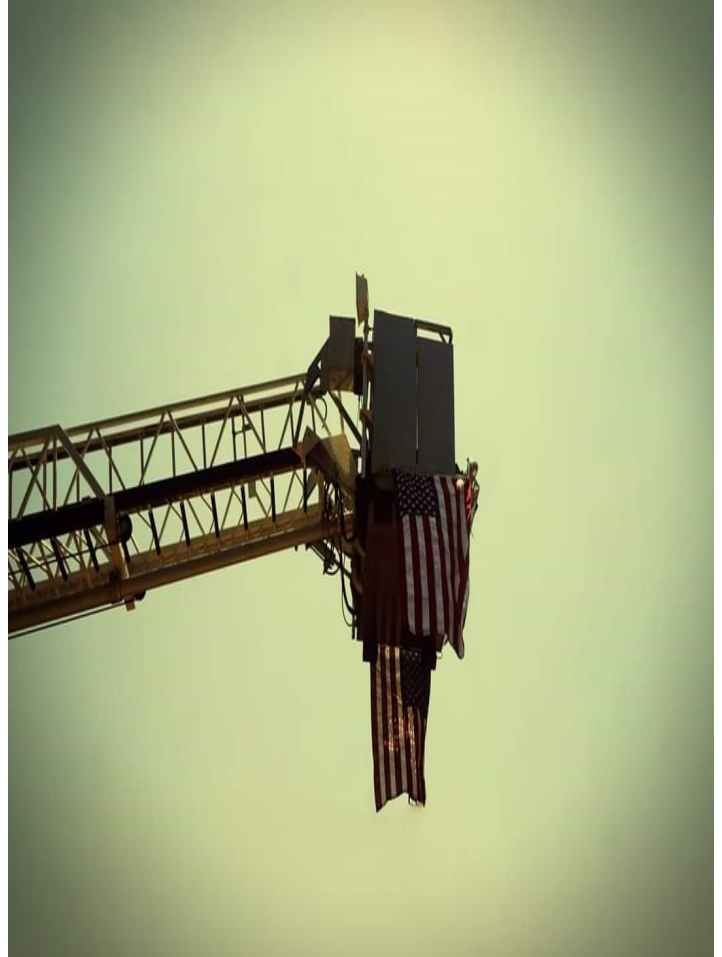




From Barbour County Search & Rescue

On Saturday, Barbour County Search & Rescue, partnered with the VFW Post 5850 out of Eufaula, to hold their fundraiser to raise money for Barbour County Search & Rescue. Several area Volunteer Fire Departments also attended this event. They also had a very special guest of honor, Cole Welsch! Cole is a 10 year old boy from Dothan. Several weeks ago, members of Barbour County Search & Rescue were in Sam's Club in Dothan shopping, and they were approached by Cole. All of a sudden, this little boy said, "Excuse me, may I shake your hand?" "I want to thank you for your service," and a toy soldier was given in return with his name on the bottom of it. That is something you don't see every day. Parents raising their kids to thank those of us in public service. Cole makes weekly trips to local stores and hands out little toy soldiers to all military and first responders he comes across.

Barbour County Search & Rescue will definitely have little Cole and his family back soon for more fun! Barbour County fire departments included in today's fundraiser were: Cowikee Fire, Bakerhill Fire & Rescue, Bluesprings Fire, Springhill Fire, Texasville Fire. Game & Fish, Alabama Forestry, Tow Boat U.S, VFW post 5850, Screamer Fire and Haleburg Fire from Henry County and Pittsview Fire from Russell County, as well as Survival Flight 15 from Headland and Bledsoe Mining Company.





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