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RAY HOGANS LASAR

GREG ROGERS South Maringo

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Johnny Warren, Aniston

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Ray Hogans, LASAR

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Danny Butler, Geraldine

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Dive/ Water, John Wade, LASAR

Medical, Matt Knight, Randolph County

SAR, Al Nix, Choctaw Rescue

K-9, Fay Ingram, Tallaco K-9

Drones Bryan Moses, Morgan County

2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

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Danny Smith, Cherokee

Jimmy Looney, East Colbert

Tina Wood, LASAR

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Jimmy Looney, East Colbert

Michelle Looney, East Colbert

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Gwen Stone, Desoto

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&

JAMES MILLER, Etowah County

FROM THE DESKS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT:

Danny Butler
President



Hope everyone had a safe summer so far. It has been a weird one for sure. As we go into the Fall months it will get busy for us all.

3 RD quarterly meeting was held in Boaz, AL by Union Rescue Squad. I want to thank them for hosting the meeting and it was good to see you all there.

This will be my last letter as President. It has been an honor to serve of a great Association. There will be no Elections held this year. I want to congratulate the in coming officers.

The Hurricanes that have happen with the mast destructions that has occurred has been the worst that

has happened, The lives lost, the homes and properties lost is just unimaginable. AARS did have request for squads to come help. We need to make sure all request goes thru the AARS office and deployment of squads. This is due to the insurance we have. If you go and get hurt or worst you are not covered.

Make sure the Conference stuff is sent in and if you need any information, it will be on the Web site or call any Officer. It is going to be a good one I do believe.

Danny Butler,
President

FROM THE DESK OF CHAUNCEY D. WOOD

1 ST VICE PRESIDENT



Hurricane Helene – Milton, whose next ??

Hoping and praying this message finds you and your families safe and well!! Hurricane Helene was a monster of a storm bringing a lot of rain, winds and fatalities close by. AARS had several squads and over fifty members deployed to Perry, Florida and Erwin, Tennessee to assist with land and water search, rescue and yes recovery amongst all the devastation.

Hurricane Milton not as bad up our way so AARS wasn't called on just yet as I'm penning this message.

Thanks to Tony Carroll and his crew for hosting a great 3 rd quarterly meeting and the meal was absolutely delicious too.. President Danny Butler did an outstanding job conducting the Board of Directors business, just as he always has in his many years off and on as our President, dealing with current, old and new business.

The AARS Squad owned "Permanent "Tag was brought up, discussed and a tag was picked out of three samples. The permanent Tag goes into effect October 1 st , 2024 and the "online application" will be posted on the Alabama Department of Revenue "Motor Vehicles" website and The AARS website. Examiners of public accounts will be "Auditing" our AARS financial accounts in October by Conference time and last but not least, nominations were made and "NO Election "will be held. As moving up from 1 st vice President to The President, I am not only truly "Humbled" but very "Honored" to be selected by you, the AARS members to serve, of which I will do the very best of my ability representing you fair and impartial.

Conference is coming quick! 2 nd Vice President Ray Hogans has worked all year putting together outstanding education and training classes, so be sure to get signed up. A lot of hard work and time goes into putting the Conference on, we actually start preparing the last day of the conference each year, for the next years.

Matt Knight our Interim Executive Secretary/Treasurer has been working extremely hard getting the yearly renewals out to you, so be sure to get them in on time.

Please be sure to “THANK” Debbie Tidwell for her service as our Executive Secretary / Treasurer for her last (2004-2024), twenty years, when you see her at the Conference.

Folks, again a lot of hard work and preparation go into our Conference so please take part in the classes offered and the rest of the activities. Remember this is your Association
So please get involved and make a difference.

Tina and I will see you all on the BEACH Soon!! Be safe coming down, traveling mercies...

PLEASE IF EACH PERSON WOULD BRING JUST ONE DOOR PRIZE, THIS WOULD HELP
SO VERY MUCH!!!!

Some pictures from last meeting.



From the desk of 2nd Vice President

Ray Hogans



Hello all AARS Members,

As we come to the close of the 2024 year I wish to thank all the Instructors that have dedicated time and efforts to support the AARS Training program. I offer a special thanks to the area coordinators that have assisted in scheduling and offering continued help with the successful conduct of the multiple training events. Most of all a special thanks to Jim Dennis for his outstanding work as the AARS State training coordinator. Jim has provided a tremendous amount of work in making the training program a great success. In the past year the AARS Training program has provided over 1200 certificates for training events. These numbers do not include the class events for our annual conference. The training has reached a good number of rescue personnel in their local areas and provided much needed expertise to our AARS community in the first year of inception. Thanks to all who have been a part of this program and I look forward to many more training events in the future. As the year ends and we move into next year's adventures we have new and better things in our future. The training program is growing and more advanced training events are in the works for the dedicated AARS membership. We have more planning to complete and we can look forward to bigger and more advancements in our educational opportunities. As we move forward with the plans to have an AARS strike team through FEMA we can expect good things in the training arena from this association with requirements from a national level. We have had great support from the Alabama Department of EMS and their assistance with credentialing of our training courses and giving CEU for completing our classes. This is my last quarterly letter as your 2nd VP. I am thankful for the support and help I have received. As I move forward I hope to be able to serve and be of assistance to all members of the association in any possible. I am looking forward to seeing the AARS become a tremendous asset to the communities we serve and hope to see great strides of improvement in all our squads' dedication to training goals and advancement in our equipment and assets in the near future.

It has been my pleasure to serve this great association and the heroes who make up every squad in the state. Thank you all for the mission you so selflessly provide to the citizens of Alabama!

Raymond Hogans

AARS 2nd VP

August 17, 2024

3rd Quarterly Meeting

Colors posted by the Honor Guard.

Opening prayer by Michael Tidwell

Special Guest Mayor of Boaz – David Dyer

Meeting was called to order by President Danny Butler.

Roll was called with 53 squads in attendance.

Motion to dispense reading the minutes was made by Autauga County, motion was seconded by Tallapoosa K-9. Motion carried.

Financial report was read. Motion was made by Morgan County to accept; motion was seconded by Vina. Motion carried.

Per advice from the auditors, we will need a motion to pay the bills for the following 3 months, at each quarterly meeting. The audit will be completed in October. Motion was made (DeSoto), seconded (Anniston), voted, & carried.

Ray spoke about the conference and the classes and the importance of registering so we know that we have enough to warrant having instructors brought in.

Chauncey spoke briefly about the legislation.

Chauncey had 1 new squad to present to the association. Ashridge Fire Department from Winston County. Motion was made by Winston County Search and Dive to accept; motion was seconded by McIntosh. Motion carried.

Danny spoke about the complaint that we had received about voting, and that there was no wrongdoing.

The new id card machine is in, and Matt has it.

The new flags will be \$50.00.

Brian Moses is over the Drones now.

Election was held for the new officers for 2025.

The nominating committee recommended Chauncey Wood for President. With no recommendations from the floor, Union made motion to close the nominations, motion was seconded by Autauga County. Motion carried.

The nominating committee recommended Ray Hogans for 1 st Vice President. With no recommendations from the floor., Autauga County made motion to close the nominations, motion was seconded by Central Alabama K9. Motion carried.

The nominating committee recommended Greg Rogers as 2 nd Vice President. With no nominations from the floor Autauga County made motion to close the nominations, Childersburg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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



Wow,

What a busy time we have had since our last quarterly meeting. There was no training in August, but in Sept. we had dog qualifications for k 9 teams and handlers. Overall, it was a great training session but had poor participation from the k 9 community overall. Unfortunately, this is leading to an evaluation of keeping this program going. October training has been disrupted by mother nature with multiple hurricanes and searches going on for victims.

Our next training opportunity will be at the conference on November seventh, eighth, and ninth. Please plan to attend if at all possible as the class is presented are of great value. This has been a busy year full of training, and next year will be even more. I hope each one of you will take advantage of all the training offered.

Many changes will be coming in 2025 to enhance and build upon our previous classes. Please support the assistant coordinator for your areas. It takes a lot to organize and teach these classes. All their work is in vain without your support.

I look forward to the new year and the opportunity to serve as your coordinator. Let's make this a great year for training.

Sincerely,

Jim Dennis

State Training Coordinator

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1ST Quarterly Meeting 2025

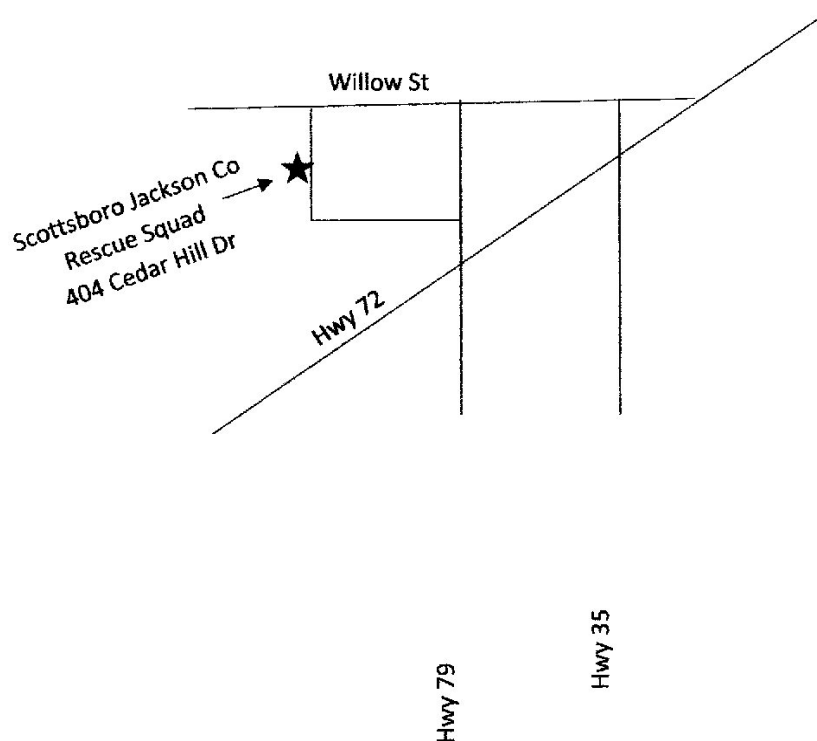
Date: February 15, 2025

Location: Scottsboro Jackson County Rescue Squad
404 Cedar Hill Dr
Scottsboro AL 35768

Questions: Eddie Tigue 256-899-3445

Agenda:	Registration	8:30 – 9:30 am
	Welcome	9:30 am
	Board of Directs Meeting	10:00 am
	Lunch	11:30 am to 1:00 pm (will be provided)
	Business Meeting	1:00 pm - Until

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