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From the Desk of the President

Hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President for the Association again.

First quarterly meeting will be held in Scottsboro, AL this time and I am excited to see the new building they have.

Glad we had a good turnout for the Conference. It was great seeing everyone. We had some good food and the classes were great. Thanks to David Garmon and the Gulf Coast EMS region for all they did.

Thanks to all the vendors that turned out. Thanks, Chauncey and Tina for all your hard work getting the vendors in. Hope everyone took the time to visit them.

The next conference will be held on the 3rd week of November, 2018 and remember it will be the 3rd weekend for the next 3 years.

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.

Be sure to look at the web site as Ray Hogans has been working on an EMS cruise for the Association and the information will be available on the web site once it is finalized.

Danny Butler
President

From the Desk of the 1st Vice President

Wow can’t believe its 2018 already……. I want to start out by saying thank you for allowing me to serve another year as an AARS Officer. I look forward to the upcoming year and growing and making the Association stronger.

On behalf of the entire Ralph Knight Family, we want to personally thank everyone for the calls, texts, cards, and most of all the prayers. Daddy was such an instrumental piece of the Randolph County Rescue Squad and very supportive of the Association in his early years. He will be greatly missed by our squad family and family but by his actions and planning we will carry on and carry on we will.

Going to keep mine short, don’t hesitate to call on any of the officers for help or guidance.

See everyone in Scottsboro!!!!!!!

Matthew Knight
1st Vice President

From the Desk of the 2nd Vice President

Well, the end of 2017 did not slow down! Not for the work I get paid for, at least. I had foolishly thought at one time that the closer I got to retirement age the more time I would have to do things. Well, that ain’t happening.

Although it took me awhile, the Association has applied for NASAR membership and you should be able to purchase store materials at member price plus an additional 5%. Write down the name of the product and quantity and price and send it to Mrs. Debbie with payment and she will order for you and have it shipped directly to you.

North Baldwin Sheriff search and rescue has been experimenting with drones. We purchased Autel X-Star Premium the with a 4K high resolution camera. While it can help in certain situations, it is not end all, be all for searching. Open areas can be searched but even then you have to do it at less than 100 feet and take your time. Still faster than putting a team in to do a hasty search. But, you will not find the small clues to direction of travel so the area will still need to be covered if the initial hasty searches aren’t successful.

The next project for me is getting a centralized training facility for the Association. I would like to see an all-inclusive training site that would be suitable for both EMS and Search rescue. Think lots of land with a building.

Until I see you again, be safe and train hard.

Luther Peebles
2nd Vice President
Meeting called to order by President Danny Butler, Colors posted by the Honor Guard and opening prayer by Hoyt McCaghren.
Roll was called by Debbie with 56 squads represented.
Motion to dispense reading of the minutes by East Colbert. Motion was seconded by Geraldine. Motion carried.
Motion to dispense with the reading of the financial report by East Colbert. Motion was seconded by Daphne. Motion carried.
Chauncey spoke about the legislation.
Brad Dennis with NASAR spoke about the Association becoming members of NASAR. Cost for membership is $2500.00, covers all members. Motion made for North Baldwin to join NASAR. Motion was seconded by Clay County. Motion carried.
Matt had 2 squads to be presented for membership. The first is Orange Beach Fire/Rescue. Desoto made motion to accept this unit. Motion was seconded by Rosalie. Motion carried. The second is Winston County Search and Dive Team. Motion made by East Colbert to accept this unit. Motion was seconded by Desoto. Motion carried.
There was discussion about purchasing more of the anniversary coins to give to the legislators. Cherokee County made a motion to purchase 300 coins. Motion was seconded by Rosalie. Motion carried. There was also a motion made to buy lapel pins for past President and also AARS lapel pins. Motion was made by Geraldine to purchase the pins. Motion was seconded by Union. Motion carried.
The slide for the generator in the trailer was discussed and the cost is $742.98. Motion was made by East Colbert to purchase. Motion was seconded by Tallaco. Motion carried.
The ROQ of the 4th Quarter was presented to Tony Taylor from Geraldine.

Due to conflict with the Hotel and Conference center the dates for 2018 will be the 15-17 of November 2018.
The proposals for the conference was presented for 2018. LASAR made motion to come back to Orange Beach Event Center. Motion was seconded by Athens. Motion carried.
There was discussion to check into locking in the venue for three years. Autauga County made a motion to lock in the venue for three years. Desoto seconded the motion. Motion carried.
With no further business the meeting was recessed until 7:00 PM. Meeting went back into session and awards were presented and the officers were sworn in. Meeting was adjourned.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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   APRIL 1, 2018

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Saturday February 17, 2018

Meeting Location
Scottsboro Jackson County Rescue Squad
404 Cedar Hill Dr.
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Agenda
8:00 – 9:30 Registration
9:30 – 9:45 Welcome Address
10:00 – 11:30 Board of Directors Meeting
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 3:00 General Business Meeting

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Michael Stone

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