## Alabama Association of Fire Chief's 2018 Summer Conference

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#### **Executive Board Meeting**

June 25, 2018

Call to Order: President Steve Carroll

**Roll Call:** Executive Board Members

#### **Executive Board Members:**

President Steve Carroll, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gene Necklaus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sean Kendrick, Sec. /Treasurer Jon Lord, Past President Arthur Willis, SEAFC Director A.J. Martin Executive Director Harlon Hutchenson, CAFCA Gary Sparks, NAFCA Tony Grande, SWAFCA Joey Darby, SEAFCA Michael Whaley

**Executive Director- Reading of the Minutes:** Review and corrections, approval vote at Business Meeting.

Financial Report: Jon Lord

Review, approval at Business Meeting

#### Reports:

Executive Director: Harlon Hutchenson

President: Steve Carroll

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Gene Necklaus
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sean Kendrick

SEAFC Director: A.J. Martin

• Turn Your Attention To Fire Prevention: A.J. Martin

CAFCA: Gary SparksNAFCA: Tony Grande

SWAFCA: Joey Darby

SEAFCA: Michael Whaley

Joint Fire Council: Donnie West

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** 

**Motion to Adjourn** 

#### **Agenda**

June 29, 2018

Call to Order: Chief Gene Necklaus

Roll Call: Executive Board Members

#### **Board of Directors Members:**

President Gene Necklaus, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sean Kendrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Tony Grande, Sec./Treasure Jon Lord, Past President Steve Carroll, SEAFC Director Donnie West, Executive Director Harlon Hutchenson, CAFCA Tim Shots, NAFCA Tony Grande, SWAFCA Joey Darby, SEAFCA Michael Whaley

#### **Executive Directors- Reading of the Minutes**

Financial Report: Jon Lord

- Account& Balances
- Revenue (Membership& Conferences)

#### Reports:

- Executive Director: Harlon Hutchenson
- President: Gene Necklaus
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sean Kendrick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Tony Grande
- Past President: Steve Carroll
- SEAFC Director: Donnie West
- Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention: A.J. Martin
- CAFCA: Gary Sparks
- NAFCA: Tony Grande
- SWAFCA: Joey Darby
- SEAFCA: Michael Whaley
- Joint Fire Council: Donnie West

#### **Special Committee Reports:**

Legislative Committee: Gene Necklaus

State Emergency Medical Committee: Michael Bartlett Ala. Personnel Standards Commission: Joey Darby

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks: Joey Darby

Alabama Firefighter Annuity & Benefit Fund: Chris Mullins

Fire Rescue/ Group Purchasing: Gene Coleman

Ala. Fire Responders Wireless Communications: Jon Lord

Alabama Fire College: Matt Russell

Old Business:	
New Business:	
Comments:	

**Motion to Adjourn** 



#### Gadsden Fire Department 322 Walnut Street Gadsden, AL 35901

Fire Chief Stephen C. Carroll

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It has been and honor and a privilege to serve the members of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs as President over the last year. As President, I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all of the members of the AAFC. It is through your hard work and dedication that makes this organization second to none. I would like to commend each of you for your selfless commitment you have made to your department and this association.

The AAFC has been actively involved in the following areas since the Midwinter conference:

- 1. Participated in numerous calls in the development of the AlaFire App. The Association is putting the deployment and usage plans together in order to distribute the App.
- 2. Participated in numerous planning meetings in Montgomery for the Summer Conference
- 3. Participated in numerous conference calls planning the Summer conference
- 4. Participated in calls and meetings of the Joint Fire Council
- 5. Attended CFSI in Washington D.C. and as a member of the association visited with the Alabama legislators.
- Sent letters to the Alabama Delegation concerning CABT
- 7. Met with local legislators concerning the Tier II bill
- Solicited and document reports for the Summer conference.

Honor and privilege to serve,

Stephen C. Carroll

President

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

#### Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs Executive Board Meeting February 06, 2018

The Executive Board of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs met on January 31, 2017, at the Conference Center in Tuscaloosa, AL, with the following members present: Arthur Willis, Stephen Carroll, Gene Nicklaus, Jon Lord, Gary Sparks, A.J. Martin, Tony Grande, Sean Kendrick, Joey Darby, Michael Whaley.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Stephen Carroll. Minutes from the Aug. 13, 2017 and Aug. 16, 2017 meetings were read and approved.

The financial report was given as follows:

Account balances as of December 31, 2017

Regions Bank – Checking	\$89,130.42

Total of all Accounts \$218,149.23

Motion made and seconded to approve and adopt the financial report. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report: Gave update on membership list and Summer Conference work.

#### **REPORTS:**

Finance Committee Report: See Attached

President Report: See Attached

1<sup>st</sup> Vice- President Report: See Attached

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Report: See Attached

SEAFC Report: See Attached

CAFCA: See Attached

NAFCA: See Attached

SWAFC: See Attached

# ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING February 06, 2018 PAGE 2

SEAFC: See Attached

Joint Fire Council: See Attached

Legislative Committee: See Attached

Old Business: None

**New Business:** 

Chief Tony Grande was appointed to serve on the 20/20 board.

Motion to adjourn.

#### **Pre-Conference Meeting:**

Meeting called to order by Chief Carroll

Roll call of Executive Board: Present Arthur Willis, Stephen Carroll, Gene Nicklaus, Jon Lord, Gary Sparks, A.J. Martin, Sean Kendrick, Joey Darby Michael Whaley, Tony Grande.

A brief report was given by Chief A.J. Martin about the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs update on the previous conference. Chief Martin thanked Chief Coleman, Chief Larry Williams, Chief Chris Etheredge for the work done in the 2017 Conference.

Old Business:

**New Business:** 

Motion and second to fund one half table at the CFSI dinner in Washington, DC. At \$ 1,750.00 Motion and second to amend to one half not to exceed \$ 5,250.00 Motion carried.

Motion and second to indorse Chief Otto Drozd III 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to the IAFC. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn.

#### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHEFS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE February 09, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Chief Stephen Carroll. Roll call was made for Executive Board members. All members were present.

SEAFC Report- See Attached

Personnel Standard Commission Report- Joey Darby. See Attached

1st Vice-President-See Attached

Legislative Committee- See Attached

Chief Jon Lord gave the financial report.

Accounts Balances - December 31, 2016

Regions Balance 12/31/2014	\$ 89,130.42
TYATFP Checking 12/31/2014	\$ 7,342.35
APCO Credit Union	\$121,676.46

Total

\$ 218,149.23

Finance Committee Report: See Attached. Motion and Second to approve recommendations from the Finance Committee Report. Motion carried.

Wireless Commission Report- See Attached

Executive Director- See Attached (Minutes)

NAFCA- See Attached

CAFCA- See Attached

SEAFCA- See Attached

SWAFC- See Attached

Past President- See Attached

#### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 09, 2018 PAGE 2

Joint Fire Council: See attached

State Emergency Medical Commission Report- See Attached

Fire Rescue GPO- See Attached

Alabama Fire College Report: Matt Russell Thanked everyone who worked on the committee that made the conference a success. Fire College budget was discussed.

#### Old Business:

Chief Tony Grande was appointed to the 20/20 Commission.

The association gave support to Chief Grodz as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President IAFC Voted to support the CFSI with the support of one half table at the CFSI dinner.

#### New Business:

Motion and second to allow Chief Gene Nicklaus to apply for a grant through AFG Fire Program for two years. The grant will allow work with Alabama Broadcasters to send message TYATFP on radio and Television. Budgeted support through TYATFP fund state wide media campaign not to exceed \$11, 500.00. Motion carried.

Nomination Committee: Nomination committee recommended President: Chief Gene Nicklaus, with no nomination from floor Chief Bartlett cast the vote for Chief Nicklaus. Nomination Committee recommended Vice-President: Sean Kendrick. No nomination from the floor. Chief Bartlett cast the vote for Chief Kendrick. Nomination Committee recommended 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Chief Tony Grande. No nomination from the floor. Chief Bartlett cast the vote for Chief Grande Nomination Committee recommended Secretary/Treasurer Chief Jon Lord. No nomination from the floor. Chief Bartlett cast the vote for chief Lord. Nomination Personnel Standard Commission- Nomination Committee recommended Chief Joey Darby. With no nomination from the floor Chief Bartlett cast the vote for Chief Darby.

Nomination for SEAFC Representative – Nomination committee recommended Chief Donnie West. With no nomination from the floor Chief Bartlett cast the vote for Chief West.

Motion to Adjourn.



### **Scottsboro Fire Department**

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May 31, 2018

Chief Carroll,

Please accept the following as an activity report since my last report dated January 16, 2018.

Below is a summary list of some of the activities in which I have attempted to represent the AAFC proudly:

- Multiple calls and meetings regarding the development of the AlaFire (Turn Your Attention To Fire Prevention) Mobile Data Collection application. Currently working to market and fully implement usage across the state
- Involved in several calls and conversation with the Educational Committee for the upcoming AAFC/SEAFC Summer Conference
- Various activities preparing for the 2019 Executive Development Conference including meeting with S.
   Sutherland and Hotel Capstone representatives regarding contracts, reviewing final hotel and conference center contracts, and communicating with the Planning Committee and potential speakers to secure MOUs
- · Attended calls and meetings of the Joint Fire Council during the final weeks of the legislative session
- Multiple meetings and discussions with state legislators, PFFA leadership, and others regarding Tier II legislation
- Attended the March meeting of the North Alabama Fire Marshal's Association
- · Participated in Attorney Generals group evaluating state-wide School Safety Plans
- · Attended the March, April, and May meetings of NAFCA
- Participated in calls and votes as a Principal Member of the NFPA 1851 Technical Committee representing the IAFC
- Attended CFSI in April and met with members of the Alabama delegation

It has been a privilege to serve as 1st VP during your term. I appreciate your leadership and devotion to the Association and look forward to continuing in your example.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Gene Necklaus 1st Vice-President

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

## City of Calera Fire Department

SEAN KENDRICK Chief



HILTON SHIREY

Deputy Chief

May 30, 2018

Chief Carroll,

It has been an honor to represent the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs as the  $2^{nd}$  Vice President for 2017-2018. The following is a list of the activities I have participated in during my tenure:

- 1. Member of the planning committee for the 2018 Mid-Winter conference
- 2. Active member of the Central Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
- 3. Joined several conference calls involving the AlaFire Program and the AAFC/SEAFC Summer Conference
- 4. Attended the Congressional Fire Service Institute in Washington DC
- 5. Met with elected official in Washington DC as part of the AAFC delegation to CSFI

Thank you and the members of the AAFC for allowing me to serve as the  $2^{nd}$  Vice President. I look forward to serving and representing the AAFC in the future.

Sincerely,

Sean Kendrick 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs 205-229-7115 <u>skendrick@calera.org</u>

#### **Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs**

#### **Financial Statements**

Account balance for May 31, 2018

Bank	As of	Balance
Regions Bank - Checking	5/31/2018	\$190,425.62
TYATFP - Checking	5/31/2018	\$22,770.35
APCO C.U.	3/31/2018	\$97,508.19
Total of all accounts		\$310,704.16



#### ONEONTA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

308 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North Oneonta, Alabama 35121 Chief Arthur Willis

May 29, 2018

Chief Stephan C. Carroll President Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

#### Dear Chief Carroll:

As the Immediate Past President of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, I have participated in the following areas of service since the AAFC Mid-Winter Conference in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in February 2018:

I have participated conference calls regarding the development of the Alafire smartphone app with the University of Alabama's Center for Advanced Public Safety research center.

I have participated conference calls regarding the 2019 Mid-Winter Conference. I have also been available to Chief Carroll to answer any questions that may have arisen.

I would to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs for all their hard work and dedication in making our association a success.

Sincerely,

Arthur Willis Past-President

#### SEAFC

Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs Report

Southeastern Board members attended the CFSI events in Washington including the dinner

Board President Fowler and Secretary Needham attended the IAFC Leadership Meeting in March

SafeHaven for babies continues to be an initiative for the Association and Florida, South Carolina and Kentucky are taking the lead with the idea to focus on on state at a time. Kentucky now has online training

FRI is in Dallas and the Hyatt Regency is the Southeastern Division Hotel

The SEAFC Conference in 2019 will be a joint conference with the Tennessee fir Chiefs and will be held in Murphreesboro July 13-19, 2019

The SEAFC Conference for 2020 is scheduled for Atlanta May 18-23, but there is concern over the cost of the proposed venue and discussions are ongoing concerning a location for that conference

Bank accounts for the SEAFC have improved since the conference in Charleston with the Leadership of Ron Fowler and Len Needham and Larry Williams stepping in and taking care of the duties that would have been performed by the Executive Director allowing for an opportunity to save and build the account back up.

The Board voted to purchase rings for the Presidents and allow for the past presidents to purchase rings for \$892.25.

Marion Blackwell, Chief Spartanburg S.C. is seeking National Advisory Council seat

Letter sent from President Carroll to SEAFC informing board of the election of Donnie West to represent Alabama Fire Chiefs as State Representative at the Conference In June

There will be a Presidential Forum at the Conference in Montgomery with each state having two representatives attend

The Board is still looking at the Executive Director position with regards to structure and duties etc

Thursday, May 31, 2018

The Conference Committees for both the SEAFC and the AAFC have done an outstanding job preparing for the joint conference in Montgomery. I commend the entire committee along with Chief Jordan and his staff, Nickie Cooper, Chief Carroll and Chief Williams

It has been an honor for me to serve as the Alabama Representative on the Southeastern Fire Chiefs Board. I have tried to represent you as I felt you wanted to be represented, and I hope I succeeded in that most of the time. I had the privilege of serving with some of the finest fire service professional in the country, both with the Southeastern and the Alabama Fire Chiefs. Donnie West will do a great job and I ask for your support for him moving forward.

#### CAFCA REPORT 2018 Summer Conference

#### **CAFCA Membership**

Currently for 2018 we have 257 members representing 57 agencies.

#### **CAFCA Training**

The CAFCA Training Consortium continues to provide valuable training for our member agencies.

#### **Programs Supported in 2017-18**

Congressional Fire Services Institute

Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention

NFPA Symposium

**BREMS** Banquet

CAFCA meets monthly at various locations with an average attendance of 75.

Submitted By:

Chief Gary Sparks President

#### NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (NAFCA) A DIVISION OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS SUMMER REPORT, JUNE 2018

The elected officers for NAFCA are as follows:

President	Anthony Grande	Fire Chief	Decatur Fire and Rescue
1st Vice-President	Brandy Williams	Deputy Chief	Madison Fire and Rescue
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Wade Buckner	Asst. Chief	Southside Fire
Secretary/Treasurer	Brad Hix	Fire Chief	Albertville Fire Department

NAFCA met on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00. Meeting was held in Decatur at Home2Suites in conjunction with sponsor, NAFECO, holding their vendor show at Ingalls Harbor Marina. NAFECO also sponsored the lunch. At the meeting items discussed meeting locations for next year and the desire to move the meetings throughout the North Alabama region.

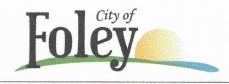
April NAFCA meeting at Cullman Fire Department Station 3. We had XX members in attendance. The meeting started with a leadership speaker provided by our lunch sponsor, Sunbelt's Billy Atchison. Discussion included revising the election cycle for NAFCA in order that the 4 positions would be staggered and serve two year terms. This action is discussed due to NAFCA election placing 3 new members onto the Board in a single year.

NAFCA's May meeting was held at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge. We had 15 members attend the meeting. Norfolk Southern's Glen Rudner spoke to the group about the training and educational opportunities provided by NSRR. Chief Necklaus spoke on the expansion of TYATFP program, specifically increasing participation in AlaFire. He sent out an email statewide to encourage both career and volunteer department leaders to start the process of adding AlaFire memberships. Chief Grande spoke on meeting with Senator A. Orr in relation to the House Bill to move firefighters from Tier 2 to Tier 1 at the option of the local government. Additionally, a brief report was given on Vision 2020 and the ideas/thoughts/actions in the world of community risk reduction.

NAFCA's June meeting was held at Muscle Shoals. We had 22 members present. Discussion was had on a proposed bylaw change. Proposal was handed out to members for a vote next meeting. NAFECO representatives spoke about their 50 year celebration. Other discussion included initiating two new committees; an Regional Type 3 IMT team, led by Chief Bailey of Madison and a Firefighter Safety and Health committee to foster assistance for PTSD/Cancer and other issues related to Health and Safety. We are currently looking for a leader for this committee.







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May 30, 2018

Steve Carroll, President Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

Re: Report to AAFC E-Board Southwestern Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

Steve,

I am writing to report on activity of the Southwestern Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs since our midwinter conference in February. The SWAAFC continues to meet for regularly scheduled business on a bimonthly basis. Our March meeting was held in Atmore and was well attended by both members and vendors from throughout the region. We had a presentation by Michelle Pilgreen on the advancements and status of FirstNet. Our May meeting was held in Spanish Fort and also had good attendance of members from throughout the southwest region. Our sponsor and speaker for this meeting was Medstar Air Care 1, and they gave an update of air ambulance services that they provide to Baldwin County and other areas. We have seen some increased interest in the SWAAFC from volunteer Chiefs in our region, and we hope to continue to reach out to gain membership and participation from the vast numbers of volunteers in southwest Alabama. We will continue to work to improve networking and training for our members.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Darby, President

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**SWAAFC** 

# SUMMER CONFERENCE REPORT

Southeast Alabama Fire Chiefs' Association June 2018

"To provide Chiefs and Senior Fire Officers of Fire Service Organizations throughout the community with information, education, services, and representation to enhance the professionalism and service delivery capabilities of the affected Fire Service providers."

#### **OFFICERS**

The current elected officers of the Southeast Alabama Fire Chief's Association are listed below:

President	Vice-President	Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Whaley Deputy Chief Prattville Fire Department	Chris Etheredge Fire Marshal Dothan Fire Department	Matthew Jordan Deputy Chief Auburn Fire Division

#### **MEETINGS**

The association held bi-monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month as scheduled below:

Meeting Date	Location
February 2018 April 2018 June 2018 August 2018 October 2018 December 2018	Mid-Winter Conference, Tuscaloosa Prattville Fire Department Montgomery Fire Rescue (Summer Conference) Phenix City Fire Alexander City Fire Auburn/Opelika

#### **TRAINING**

The association participated as a sponsor for the Water on the Fire seminar hosted by the Tallassee Fire Department on May 4, 2018.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our association believes that when issues and legislation arise, that directly affect the fire service in Alabama, our collective voice is only strengthened when our individual regions are involved and working together. The Southeast association is diligently working on membership recruitment. Our membership is currently comprised of 20 departments, the Alabama Fire College, and several vendors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Whaley President Southeast Alabama Fire Chief's Association



## **Rocky Ridge Fire District**

#### ISO CLASS 1

#### **Joint Fire Council Report 2018**

- 1. We have deposited \$15,000 into the Memorial Trust Account. This money will allow for the upkeep of the memorial and future purchase of additional marble obelisks.
- 2. Memorial Service is set for October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1500. (Same time as AFC Fall Fire College Week)
- 3. The leader of the Fire Caucus in each house of the Alabama Legislature will be honored at the next meeting of the AJFC. House Tommy Haynes, Senate Gerald Allen
- 4. Officers for the current year remained the same. Chairman Jon Lord, Vice Chairman Scott Pilgreen, Sec/Treas- Reid Vaughan
- 5. The Tier II bill came close to succeeding but was unable to be seen to fruition. After frank discussions this year it is anticipated that AJFC can push a clean bill that will have total support next year.
- 6. Funding bill for the Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund will be tables after discussion between AFMO, AFABF and the fireworks community. The new bill looks to provide a much larger revenue stream for The Benefit Fund.

#### HB1 SB2 Amend in House

"Existing law provides for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), which contractually allows a member of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) or the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to continue employment with his or her employer for a specific period of time, while deferring a portion of his or her retirement allowance until the end of the participation period, at which time the member withdraws from his or her service. Existing law provides that participation in DROP is prohibited after March 24, 2011. This bill would reopen participation in the DROP program and would further provide options for Tier I and Tier II members to participate in DROP."

Not going forward this session.

#### HB105 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

This bill would provide that certain communications made by emergency responders to certified peer support members, as defined, would be privileged. The bill would also provide criminal penalties for a violation of the privilege.

Act # 2018-416

#### HB156 SB178 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

General Fund Budged - Alabama Fire Marshal's Office and Alabama Forestry Commission Signature requested from Governor.

#### HB161 PASSED HOUSE

Under existing law, there are certain aggravating circumstances listed for capital offenses. This bill would include as an aggravating circumstance a victim of a capital offense who was a law enforcement officer, a prison or jail guard, a first responder, or was less than 14 years of age.

Didn't clear Senate

HB175 SB165 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

Education Trust Fund Budget - Alabama Fire College Act # 2018-481

HB192 PASSED HOUSE

Under existing law, the benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty cease upon his or her remarriage or at the expiration of 500 weeks, whichever is earlier. This bill would allow the surviving spouse to receive benefits after remarriage. Under existing law, the benefits payable to a surviving dependent child of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty cease upon his or her reaching the age of majority or upon the expiration of 500 weeks, whichever is earlier. This bill would allow the surviving dependent child to continue to receive workers' compensation benefits until he or she reaches the age of majority. Workers' compensation, law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical personnel, killed in line of duty, surviving spouse to keep benefits after remarriage, Secs. 25-5-60, 25-5-66, 25-5-68, 25-5-69 am'd.

Act # 2018-523

HB28 SB6 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

Under existing law, certain government and education institutions are subject to an qualified to enter into joint purchasing agreements under the competitive bid law. This bill would include the Alabama Fire College as an education institution subject and qualified to enter into those agreements.

Act # 2018-231

HB297 SB231 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

Under existing law, \$180,000 is appropriated automatically from the state General Fund to the Emergency Forest Fire, Insect and Disease Fund at the beginning of each fiscal year. Also under existing law, this emergency fund cannot exceed a total accumulated amount of \$1,000,000. This bill would increase the automatic appropriated amount from the General Fund provided to the Emergency Forest Fire, Insect and Disease Fund at the beginning of each fiscal year to \$250,000 annually and would also increase the maximum accumulated amount in the fund to \$2,000,000. Act # 2018-266

HB300

Emergency communication services, to require training in telephone CPR and recognition of techniques for cardiac arrest for 911 dispatchers

No movement since last week.

HB325 Passed House

Sky lantern, possession or sale prohibited, Act 2017-387, 2017 Reg. Sess., am'd; Sec. 13A-11-225 am'd. Pending 3rd Day. 22 favorable from JUDY

**HB328** 

Revisions to EMSP Licensure requirements as prescribed in Alabama Code 1975 §22-18-4 pending 3rd Day reading in the House. Discharged with 13 votes in favor from the Boards, Agencies and Commissions Committee

HB344 Passed House

Retirement, benefits for local employers participating in ERS, retirement benefits given to Tier I plan members authorized for Tier II plan members, Sec. 36-27-6.5 added Pending 3rd Day. 22 favorable from Finance and Taxation

HB345 Pending

Taxes, income, credits, authorized for active volunteer firefighters with min. number of training hrs. under certain conditions, record-keeping requirements, Revenue Dept., rulemaking authority, penalties No movement since last week.

#### HB376 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

Pyrtechnics Licensure Bill Act # 2018-464

HB382 Pending

Fireworks, fees of, Fire Marshal for use before a proximate audience, fees increased, portion to Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund, increases based on increases in Consumer Price Index, Secs. 8-17-211, 8-17-216.1 am'd. Pending third day reading in House.

HB385 SB329 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

Volunteer Rescue Squad Tuition Reimbursement Act of 2018, tuition reimbursement program for emergency medical technician or paramedic certification established Act # 2018-524

HB394 SB310

Jefferson Co., fire districts, exclusion of forest lands, Act 79, 1966 Sp. Sess., am'd; Sec. 45-37-140.02 am'd. SB310 –

Had third reading in Senate being held by Waggoner pending call of the chair. HB394 - No movement in the House.

**HB409** 

Infants, use of baby boxes for parents to anonymously deliver infants to hospital, emergency medical services providers, or fire dept. without liability and with immunity from child abandonment statutes, Secs. 26-25-1, 26-25-3, 26-25-4 am'd.

Pending 3rd Day Reading 21 Favorable from Judicuary.

HB41 Pre-filed

Existing law provides for certain benefits, including insurance coverage, disability, and workers' compensation, for any active city or state firefighter who has an occupational disease, including cancer, which manifests while the firefighter is employed with the city or the state. This bill would provide that a retired certified firefighter who is diagnosed with a cancer that is considered an occupational disease would receive supplemental insurance coverage or reimbursement of his or her actual expenses for medical treatment related to the cancer that is not covered by his or her own health insurance or Medicare, if the cancer was diagnosed within 10 years of his or her retirement.

Read first time and referred to Ways and Means General Fund. NO change for current week

HB7 SB4 Pending

Diesel exhaust bill for all non-volunteer fire departments with firefighters on duty eight or more hours each to required to have exhaust system in place.

HB7 - Read first time and referred to State Government Committee. SB4 -Read first time and referred to committee on Governmental Affairs. NO change for current week

HJR53 SJR18 PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE

Joint Resolution of Senate and House regarding the established of a FF Cancer Registration in Alabama through the Alabama Fire College. Representative Hanes and Senator Allen are the sponsors.

Signed



## Scottsboro Fire Department

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May 31, 2018

Chief Carroll.

On behalf of the Legislative Committee, please accept the following report of activity for consideration:

During the time period following the Mid-Winter meeting in Tuscaloosa, the Legislative Committee followed the bills from our previous report closely. The legislature adjourned on March 29, which left several bills of interest without passage.

The committee also worked to support the effort of the Joint Fire Council with certain issues that had indirect impact on the AAFC. Some of these include:

- HB 105 which protects communications between responders and peer support members;
- HB 192 which provides for surviving spouses to receive certain LODD benefits after remarriage;
- HB 28 allowing the Alabama Fire College to participate in cooperative purchasing agreements;
- And, The Joint Resolution establishing a State-wide Firefighter Cancer Registry.

The committee has attended calls and meetings of the Joint Fire Council in an effort to keep apprised of potential legislative matters impacting the membership. Further, Legislative Committee member Chief Donnie West also serves as a voting member of the Joint Fire Council for the AAFC, ensuring continuity between the groups.

On behalf of Chief Wayne Shirley, Chief Donnie West, and myself, it has been a privilege to serve the AAFC on this committee under your leadership and we thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Gene Necklaus



## **Rocky Ridge Fire District**

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## Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention!

24 May 2018

President Steve Carroll
Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
Via Email: scarroll@cityofgadsden.com

Re: Summary Brief (Michael A. Bartlett, Nominations Committee Chairman)

Chief Carroll:

The Nominations Committee prepared the slate of officer's that were elected at our Mid-Winter conference. The incoming officers are due to be sworn in at our summer conference in Montgomery.

Gene Necklaus – President, Sean Kendrick – Vice President, Tony Grande – Second Vice President, Jon Lord –Treasurer, Donnie West – State Rep to Southeastern.

As per the Fire Chief of the Year Policy (FCOY), the nominating committee presented the name of Chief Jon Lord for the 2017 Fire Chief of the Year. He was confirmed at the Mid-winter conference and is due to be awarded at the summer conference in Montgomery.

Kindest regards,

Michael A. Bartlett Assistant Fire Chief



## **Rocky Ridge Fire District**

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24 May 2018

President Steve Carroll
Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
Via Email: scarroll@cityofgadsden.com

Re: Summary Brief (Michael A. Bartlett, Association Representative to the Alabama State Emergency Medical Control Committee {SEMCC})

Chief Carroll:

In our last SEMCC meeting of 6 March 2018 at the fire college, we were given notice that all of our medication additions that we proposed to the State Board of Health had passed the approval process. Therefore, in the same meeting SEMCC approved the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the State protocols. The 9<sup>th</sup> edition went into effect at 0600 on 1 May 2018.

The next SEMCC meeting is scheduled for 12 June 2018 at Southern Union.

Kindest regards,

Michael A. Bartlett Assistant Fire Chief



May 30, 2018

Steve Carroll, President Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

Re: Report to AAFC E-Board from Commissioner Darby

Steve,

I am writing to report on the activity of the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission since my update at the mid-winter conference in February. The Commission met for the scheduled quarterly meeting on April 11, 2018. During this meeting, we approved the adoption of changes to the administrative code which clarified the Physical Statement requirements. We recognized Ray Grantham as our employee of the quarter for all of his efforts in our EMS Program. We discussed the AFC involvement in the response to the March tornado in Jacksonville. We discussed the great success of the mid-winter AAFC conference, both educationally and financially. We approved for the second phase of a planned tuition increase to go in effect on Oct. 1, 2018. This will increase tuition for all courses by no more than ten percent per course and should get us back in line with needed tuition. A request was made and approved to continue support of the National Center for Fire and Life Safety by reallocating funds no longer needed by their payroll to instead help fund development of educational programs for the Heroes Activity Center. Finally, we authorized the Executive Director to move forward with hiring a Section Chief to fill vacancies within the leadership team.

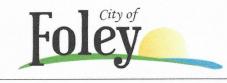
It continues to be a pleasure and honor to represent the AAFC on the AFC&PSC, and I am excited about the direction and future of the Alabama Fire College. I am always open for suggestions and welcome any thoughts or concerns from our AAFC members.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Darby, Commissioner

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May 30, 2018

Steve Carroll, President
Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

Re: Report to AAFC E-Board from CABT representative

Steve,

I am writing to report on activity of the CABT – Coalition Against Bigger Trucks since our mid-winter conference in February. This coalition was formed to resist any efforts of Congress that would allow for larger, longer, or heavier trucks on our roadways, and the AFC has stood firm as a supporting member. The coalition group in Alabama consists of representatives from public safety (AAFC, AAVFD, State Troopers Assoc., Sheriffs Assoc.) and ALDOT. During this period, the CABT has been preparing for the next round of legislative attempts by the big truck lobbyists by asking for support signatures from all of our agencies. In 2015, a weight increase to 91,000 pounds and an increase in the length of double trailers from 28' to 33' was defeated by a bipartisan group in the House and Senate, respectively. This year, a handful of large shipping companies are gearing up for a well-funded push by stepping up their lobbying efforts. We need to push back their efforts. In our meetings with the Alabama Congressional delegation during CFSI week, we stressed our reasons for opposing bigger trucks. With the recent House Appropriations Committee meetings, there was serious concern that language would be introduced in the 2019 THUD bill to allow for truck size and weight increases. The CABT rallied to request that all members voice their concerns over any such action. Fortunately, the bill was passed out of committee with no such increases. However, we are now fearful of the same issues in the Senate Appropriations Committee. We will continue to monitor activity in Washington, and I will continue to work with this group to represent our public safety interests. Please forward any questions or concerns that you or the AAFC members might have regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Darby



#### MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## CHRIS J. MULLINS



May 30, 2018

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs Executive Board

Dear Chief Carroll:

As requested, you will find a brief summary of recent activity for the Alabama Firefighter's Annuity and Benefit Fund (AFABF).

#### General

- The AFABF website has been updated
- We are working on an administrative process that would allow municipalities, departments, districts, etc., the ability to pay premiums for their personnel on an annual basis.

#### Financial (January 1, 2018 through March 30, 2018)

- Total assets of the AFABF \$249,461.95
- We have \$190,642.16 in our RSA Investment and \$58,819.79 in our operating account.
- Financial report attached

#### Goals

- We are continuing to work on legislation that would provide funding from fees collected by the Fire Marshals office on fireworks and pyrotechnics permits. The AFABF Board, the state Fire Marshal's Office, the state Insurance Commissioner, and the fireworks manufacturers have been working together on legislation that will be introduced in the next legislative session.
- We hope to double our membership in the Annuity fund by the end of the year.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or clarification on any of these points.

Respectfully,

Chris J. Mullins

## Alabama Firefighters' Annuity and Benefit Fund Profit and Loss

January 1, 2018 through March 30, 2018

	Jan 2018- Mar 2018
Income	
Buy Back	
Donations	14,404.01
Dues	660.00
Income Tax Revenue	
Membership Fee	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	19.54
l otal income	15,103.55
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
AFC Contract	3,830.40
Bank Fees	326.32
Miscellaneous	5,000.00
Post Office Box	0.00
Risk Management Insurance	0.00
RSA Transfer	0.00
Benefit Expenses	
Retirement Benefit	270.00
Termination of Account	0.00
Total Expense	9,426.72
Net Income	5,676.83
Beginning Balance as of Jan 1, 2018	53,142.96
Net Income	5,676.83
Ending Balance as of March 30, 2018	58,819.79
RSA Investment	190,642.16
Total Assets	249,461.95
We currently have 13 members of the Annuit members from Mountain Brook that are pays pay with auto debit and 1 member receiving	roll deduct, 8 members who
Chairman Reid Vaughan	Date



#### CENTER POINT FIRE DISTRICT



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## FIRE RESCUE GPO STATE ADVOCATE REPORT SUMMER 2018

THE FIRERESCUE GPO, A PROGRAM OF NPPGOV, IS A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ORGANIZATION PROVIDING FIRE DEPARTMENTS NATIONWIDE, ACCESS TO PUBLICLY SOLICITED CONTRACTS. FIRERESCUE GPO USES A LEAD PUBLIC AGENCY TO PUBLICALLY SOLICIT AND AWARD CONTRACTS THROUGH A COMPETITIVELY BID (RFP) PROCESS. FIRERESCUE GPO MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS THE CONTRACTS THROUGH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, ELIMINATING THE NEED TO COMPLETE THEIR OWN RFP PROCESS. WESTERN FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OTHER US DIVISIONS OF THE IAFC TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM TO THEIR MEMBERS AND STATE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

AS WELL AS HELPING FIRE DEPARTMENTS SAVE TIME AND MONEY, FIRE SPECIFIC REVENUE SUPPORTS THE FIRE SERVICE THROUGH A REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM WITH THE IAFC, ITS DIVISIONS, AND THE STATE CHIEFS ASSOCIATIONS NATIONWIDE.

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CONDUCTS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE CALLS AND RECEIVE UPDATED ON NEW CONTRACTS AND PARTNERSHIPS.

OVER THE LAST YEAR, AGREEMENTS WITH THE FIRE RESCUE GPO AND MEMBERS OF THE SEAFC. THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES INCREASED MARKETING FOR THE FIRE RESCUE GPO BY PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND MEDIA OUTLETS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS. OUR ASSOCIATION SIGNED ON TO THE AGREEMENT. THIS WILL ALLOW THE MAXIMUM REVENUE SHARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PROGRAM.

NPP.GOV has had some restructuring internally to better serve the membership. They have asked that any large purchases be reported to the Fire Rescue GPO. Our VENDORS ARE ON AN HONOR SYSTEM FOR REPORTING. This will allow a check and balance.

THERE ARE 9 NEW VENDORS AND THIRTEEN NEW CONTRACTS SINCE LAST YEAR. THESE CONTRACTS ARE PRIMARILY FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT, SCBA AND SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS. RFP'S WERE REPORTED DURING OUR LAST CONFERENCE CALL FOR UTILITY VEHICLES, PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO EQUIPMENT, AND SIMULATION EQUIPMENT. GOVERNMENT AUCTION SERVICES RFP WAS ALSO RELEASED.

THE FIRE RESCUE GPO TEAM WILL BE AT OUR CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL OF MEMBERSHIP TO VISIT THERE BOOTH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE A LINK ON OUR WEBSITE OR YOU CAN VISIT THEIR WEBSITE WWW.FIRERESCUEGPO.COM



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## FIRE SERVICE EXPLORING STATE ADVOCATE REPORT SUMMER 2018

THE FIRE SERVICE EXPLORING PROGRAMS REMAIN ACTIVE ACROSS THE STATE. WE HAVE SEEN SOME GROWTH IN THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THE PROGRAMS REMAIN A GREAT FEEDER TO MANY FIRE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE STATE. THE COMBINATION OF CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN SOME SCHOOL SYSTEMS HAS ALSO HELPED BUILD PROGRAMS.

EXPLORING HAS CREATED A NEW PROGRAM FOR AGES 10-14 YEARS. THESE PROGRAMS ARE KNOWN AS EXPLORER CLUBS. BIRMINGHAM FIRE AND RESCUE HAS STARTED TWO PROGRAMS IN THE CITY SCHOOLS. THE PROGRAMS MEET AT THE SCHOOL AND PROVIDE GENERAL FIRE SAFETY AND FIRE SERVICE TRAINING. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FEEDERS TO THE EXPLORER PROGRAM.

EXPLORERS ACROSS THE STATE AND A POST FROM GEORGIA COMPETED AT THE ANNUAL TRUSSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPETITION IN APRIL. THIS COMPETITION IS ONE THAT TEST THE SKILLS LEARNED IN THE PROGRAMS. OTHER COMPETITIONS ARE PLANNED FOR THE YEAR. HELENA FIRE WILL BE BRINGING THE HEAT IN SEPTEMBER. POST WILL TRAVEL TO DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA ALSO.

THE FIRE EXPLORER WEEKEND IS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 19-21, 2018 AT THE ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE. THIS IS THE EXPLORING MOST ATTENDED EVENT. PRESENTATIONS ARE GIVEN ON FIREFIGHTER SAFETY AND LEADERSHIP. EXPLORERS EXPERIENCE LIVE FIRE ATTACK, HIGH ANGLE RESCUE, CONFINED SPACE RESCUE, VEHICLE EXTRICATION AND FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES. OUR INSTRUCTORS VOLUNTEER TO TEACH ALL OF THE SKILLS EACH YEAR. EXPLORERS HAVE AN

#### OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR RECRUIT SCHOOL

THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, CHILD LABOR DIVISION IS A PARTNER IN OUR PROGRAMS. LINES OF COMMUNICATION ARE OPEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE YOUTH IN THE PROGRAMS. INSPECTORS FROM THE CHILD LABOR VISIT THE FIRE EXPLORER COMPETITION AND THE FIRE EXPLORER WEEKEND EACH YEAR. THEY REFER DEPARTMENTS TO THE EXPLORING PROGRAM AS A MODEL FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE.

SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PROGRAMS, EXPLORER PROGRAMS PROVIDE PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION, ASSIST DEPARTMENTS WITH SPECIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS. WE ARE HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEF CONFERENCE FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR. THIS PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLORERS TO LEARN AND REPAY THE FIRE SERVICE. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND LOOK AT THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIRE EXPLORING IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.EXPLORING.ORG

#### **Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention**

#### **TYATFP Report:**

Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention received a donation of ten thousand dollars from Cardiac Solutions

AlaFire App is now live and sign up and trying has started. Steve Carroll, Gene Necklaus, John Brook, Arthur Willis, Jon Lord deserve a commendation for their efforts to see this come to fruition.

NFPA Summit is scheduled for Friday July 20, 2019, at 0800 at the Hoover Met. This will be a one day event and Rob Davis former Captain for the Green Bay Packers will be our Keynote speaker. Thanks to Emergency Equipment Professionals for making that happen. It will be a one day event this year with lunch provided. The agenda will be packed with NFPA, Alabama Fire College, Alabama Fire Marshal, the new Alabama Fire Sprinkler Coalition, and Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention all taking part. Preregistration is necessary to prepare for meals and the Alabama Fire College will coordinate. Adrian Booth plans to attend the July CAFCA meeting to register there if someone likes. Maybe the other Regions can do that as well.

ALAFire and TYATFP will be at the AAVFD Conference

Georgia Fire Chiefs have been very active with TYATFP Chief Dan Morgan taking active role

Encourage all departments that are not active in the campaign to join in.

I thank all that have been a part of this campaign and helped it to grow.

