

**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Forney Howard.

The financial report was given by Chief Carroll as follows:

Financial Statement

Account Balances – July 31, 2007

AmSouth Checking Balance, July 31, 2007

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| AFCA | \$51,438.01 |
| AmSouth Money Market | 1,268.46 (As of 6/29/07) |
| AmSouth CD | 15,911.14 (As of 6/28/07) |
| Compass CD | <u>11,652.37</u> (Maturity date 12/07) |
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| Total all Accounts | \$80,269.98 |

Income and Expenses

August 1, 2006 – July 31, 2007

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Income | \$104,116.91 |
| Expenses | <u>98,797.84</u> |
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| Net Gain (Loss) | \$5,319.07 |

Chief Howard mentioned that forms were in the room for the suggestions for speakers for the Mid-Winter Conference.

Chief Zaragosa gave a report concerning a bill to move the Fire College from under post-secondary education. Approximately 5.94 million was placed in a new academy that didn't exist. The new Chancellor has worked with the Commission and the governor's office to insure that the funds in the new academy will come to the Fire College. The Commission has named Alan Rice as the new Executive Director of the Fire College. The Bridge Program has been introduced and seems to be very successful. The Commission is working to be a point of contact with in the line of duty deaths. This is a

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volunteer effort and not mandatory. We will help if requested by family of the fallen firefighter.

No reports were given from any officers.

NAFCA: No Report.

SEFC: Larry Williams mentioned that several training efforts were on-going.

SWAFC: A meeting is being held in Foley today.

SEAFCA: Paul Syx reported that twelve members attended the Southeastern Conference in Daytona Beach. The presidents of each association will be asked to attend the annual conference. The Institute dinner held in Washington was attended by twelve members from the Alabama association. The FRI will be in Atlanta this year. Efforts are being made to get as many of the membership as possible to attend.

EMS Report: Several meetings have been held with Dennis Blair, the new EMS director. The legislation for the new EMS bill was not introduced this year. There are still points that need resolution before the bill is introduced to the legislature.

Old Business: September 23-26, 2009 will be the dates for the Conference in Orange Beach. The Birmingham Business Bureau is asking the Chiefs' Association to support efforts to bring the 2010 Burn Congress to Birmingham. The organization will offer in kind support work in this effort. PPE has contacted the Association to work toward providing college tuition assistance to families of fallen firefighter, military personnel, and police officers. This is coupon effort that will be sold through the school systems. The Chiefs' Association will receive benefits from this program.

New Business: Two resolutions were introduced. A motion and second were made to approved both resolutions. Motion carried.

Resolution 2007-1

**Whereas,
Bruce Baughman has recently served this nation as the Director of the Alabama
Emergency Management Agency; and**

**Whereas,
He has tirelessly and unselfishly served in this capacity for the betterment of this
state and its people; and**

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Whereas,

As a result of his efforts, the fire and rescue services of this state have improved their service delivery and all-hazard preparedness,

Now Therefore, be it resolved,

The members of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs at this 57th Annual Conference, applaud and recognize him for his contribution as Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

Resolution 2007-2

Whereas,

Mel Cosgrove has received the prestigious H. D. Crossnine Award; and

Whereas,

At the SEAFCA Conference in Daytona Beach Florida this year Mel Cosgrove was presented this award for his work in enhancing fire safety in the Southeastern Region

Now therefore, be it resolved,

The members of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs at this 57th Annual Conference express our appreciation to Mel Cosgrove for his contribution in making this Southeastern Region a safer place in which to work and live.

John James will be serving as the interim director of the state Emergency Management Agency.

A new Association logo is being prepared by Chief O'Conner.

Meeting adjourned.