

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
Business Meeting
February 7, 2008

Chief Howard called the meeting to order.

Chief Howard stated that 162 people registered for this year's Mid-Winter Conference. Prayer was led by Chief Tim Blakemore for Brandon Everette.

Treasurer's report was given by Chief Carroll.

Account Balances – December 31, 2007

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| Am South Checking balance December 31, 2007 | | |
| AFCA | \$51,857.24 | |
| Am South Money Market | | 1,269.53 |
| Am South CD | | 16,213.23 |
| Compass CD | | <u>12,118.43</u> |
| Total All Accounts | | \$ 81,458.43 |

Income and Expenses

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

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|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | \$78,643.58 | |
| Expenses | <u>\$65,369.47</u> | |
| Net Gain (Loss) | | \$13,274.11 |

Motion carried to accept the financial report.

A Standards Commission update was given by Alan Rice.

There were no regional reports given.

The Executive Director reported that the new web site is under construction.

The Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs conference will be June 19-21, 2008, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The FRI conference will be August 14-16, 2008, in Denver, Colorado.

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Each member of AAFC is encouraged to sign the national seat belt pledge to always wear seat belts.

The U.S. House Bill #980 on collective bargaining has passed the House. This bill gives the right to firefighters to join unions, to bargain for wages, equipment, etc. This legislation could affect Alabama departments.

There were no committee reports given.

In old business, a discussion was held concerning the annual Summer Conference. Several sites were mentioned including Florida. A motion and second was made to look into Point Clear for the July, 2010, conference. Motion carried.

In new business, it was recommended to revise and update the constitution and by-laws of the Association.

A motion and second was made to pay the travel expenses to the Southeastern Presidential Forum for Chief Howard and to also pay any expenses not covered by the Southeastern Association. Motion carried.

Chief Ledbetter gave the Nomination Committee report:

President - Michael O'Conner; Since there were no nominations from the floor, Chief Ledbetter cast the vote for Chief O'Conner.

Vice-President - Paul McDougale; Since there were no nominations from the floor, Chief Ledbetter cast the vote for Chief McDougale.

Second Vice-President – A.J. Martin and Dewey Stringfellow were nominated. A vote was taken with A.J. Martin receiving the most votes.

Treasurer – Chief John Lord; Since there were no nominations from the floor, Chief Ledbetter cast the vote for Chief Lord.

A presentation on Pandemic Influenza was given by Jim St Johns.

A motion and second was made to support the residential sprinkler resolution. Motion carried. The resolution reads as follows:

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RESOLUTION

The Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CHANGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE TO REQUIRE FIRE SPRINKLERS IN ONE-AND-TWO FAMILY DWELLING AND TOWNHOUSES

WHEREAS: the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs considers it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an overwhelming number of these deaths occurring in homes and

WHEREAS the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing the nation's losses due to fire, and

WHEREAS the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs supports the approval of recommended modifications to the International Residential Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all residential structures, and**
- 2) Members of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs are hereby encouraged to attend and participate in the ICC code development hearings to cast their votes in favor of modifications to the International Residential Code to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all residential structures**
- 3) The Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs hereby encourages jurisdictions to fund and support building and fire code officials to attend the ICC Final Action Hearing in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September, 2009, to support residential sprinklers.**

Meeting adjourned.

