

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs 2018 Mid-Winter Conference

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Executive Board Meeting

February 6, 2018

Call to Order: President Steve Carroll

Roll Call: Executive Board Members

Executive Board Members:

President Steve Carroll, 1st Vice President Gene Necklaus, 2nd Vice President Sean Kendrick, Sec./Treasurer Jon Lord, Past President Arthur Willis, SEAFCA Director A. J. Martin Executive Director Harlon Hutchenson, CAFCA Tim Shotts, NAFCA Tony Grande, SWAFCA Keith Martin, 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
- 1st Vice President: Gene Necklaus
- 2nd Vice President: Sean Kendrick
- SEAFCA Director: A. J. Martin
- Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention: A. J. Martin
- CAFCA: Tim Shotts - *GARY SPARKS*
- NAFCA: Tony Grande
- SWAFCA: Keith Martin - *JOE DAEBY*
- SEAFCA: Michael Whaley
- Joint Fire Council: Donnie West

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion to Adjourn

Agenda

February 9, 2018

Call to Order: Chief Steve Carroll

Roll Call: Executive Board Members

Board of Directors Members:

President Steve Carroll, 1st Vice President Gene Necklaus, 2nd Vice President Sean Kendrick, Sec./Treasurer Jon Lord, Past President Arthur Willis, SEAFCA Director A. J. Martin, Executive Director Harlon Hutchenson, CAFCA Tim Shotts, NAFCA Tony Grande, SWAFCA Keith Martin, SEAFCA Michael Whaley

Executive Director- Reading of the Minutes

Financial Report: Jon Lord

- Account & Balances
- Revenue (Membership & Conferences)

Reports:

- Executive Director: Harlon Hutchenson
- President: Steve Carroll
- 1st Vice President: Gene Necklaus
- 2nd Vice President: Sean Kendrick
- Past President Arthur Willis
- SEAFCA Director: A. J. Martin
- Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention: A. J. Martin
- CAFCA: Tim Shotts
- NAFCA: Tony Grande
- SWAFCA: Keith Martin
- SEAFCA: Michael Whaley
- Joint Fire Council: Donnie West

Special Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee: Wayne Shirley
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
State Advocate for Fire Exploring: Gene Coleman
Ala. First Responders Wireless Communications: Jon Lord

Old Business:

New Business:

Comments:

Motion to Adjourn



Gadsden Fire Department
322 Walnut Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

Fire Chief Stephen C. Carroll

FIRE ADMINISTRATION
CENTRAL OFFICE
256-549-4566

FAX
256-549-4728

TRAINING OFFICE
256-442-1741

EMS SUPERVISOR
256-549-4815

FIRE PREVENTION
OFFICE
256-549-4572

January 1, 2018

To: Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

It is a pleasure to serve as President of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs. This association has continued to be actively involved in the following areas since the Summer Conference of 2017.

- **Planning for Mid-winter Conference**
 1. Participated in numerous conference calls
 2. On-site visit to Bryant Conference Center
 3. A new Fire College Coordinator was introduced, Steve Sutherland. Numerous e-mails, telephone messaging and calls were made to help bring Steve up to speed.
 4. Coordinated with Steve and other members of the committee, on vendor registrations
- **Planning for Summer Conference**
 1. Participated in numerous conference calls
 2. On-site visit to Renaissance Conference Center
 3. Visits with Montgomery Fire
- **Spoke at the Firefighter Memorial Service in Tuscaloosa**
- **Corresponded with the Georgia Fire Chiefs and gave permission for their use of the "Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention" slogan**
- **Legislation**
 1. Spoke with members of the PFFA on Tier II legislation
 2. Along with Gene Nicklaus met with Legislators Ledbetter and Haney in Rainsville on Tier II legislation
- **Alafire APP**
 1. Numerous conference calls on the development on the Alafire app
- **Participated in conference call with the Joint Fire Council**

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Carroll
President

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs



Scottsboro Fire Department

Gene Necklaus, Fire Chief
202 West Appletree Street • Scottsboro, Alabama 35768
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Chief Carroll,

As the current 1st VP of the AAFC, please accept the following report for consideration:

It has been a privilege to serve as 1st VP over the previous 5+ months. Below is a list of some activities I have been involved in.

- Multiple calls and meetings regarding the development of the AlaFire (Turn Your Attention To Fire Prevention) Mobile Data Collection application.
- Attended multiple planning meetings for the AAFC/SEAFC Summer Conference in Montgomery.
- Actively involved in the Educational Committee for the upcoming AAFC/SEAFC Summer Conference.
- Planning calls and meetings for the 2018 Executive Development Conference.
- Attended the 2017 Alabama Fallen Firefighters Memorial.
- Attended 8-11 Mock Line Strike at the Alabama Fire College.
- Attended the October meeting of the Personnel Standards Commission.
- Participated in the Joint Fire Council calls and meetings.
- Attended the September, October, November, and December meetings of NAFC.
- Met with House Maj. Leader Nathaniel Ledbetter and Rep. Tommy Hanes to discuss potential Tier 2-to-Tier 1 retirement legislation. Follow-up has consisted of discussion between myself, Rep. Hanes, and PFFA Leadership in efforts to find an agreeable option.
- Represented the IAFC as a Principal Member of the NFPA 1851 Technical Committee at the 2nd Draft Meeting in Los Angeles, California.

I look forward to the remainder of my term as 1st VP and continuing to support your work advancing this organization and the fire service.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Gene Necklaus
1st Vice-President
Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, HONOR, PRIDE

**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHEFS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Aug. 16, 2017**

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

Motion and second to suspend with reading and approval of Jan. 31, 2017 and Feb 03, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Account balances as of July 31, 2017

Regions Bank – Checking	\$103,494.43
APCO Credit Union	\$121,227.06
TYATFP- Checking	\$ 7,342.35
Total of all Accounts	\$232,063.64

Motion to accept the financial Report. Motion carried.

President Report: See Attached

1st Vice-President: See Attached

2nd Vice-President: See Attached

State Rep SEAFCA: See Attached.

TYATFP: See Attached

Joint Fire Council: See Attached

CAFACA: See Attached

NAFCA- See Attached

SWAFCA: See Attached

SEAFCA: See Attached

Special Reports:

Legislative Committee: See Attached

State Emergency Medical Control Committee: See Attached

Southeast Alabama EMS Council: See Attached

Alabama Personnel & Standard Commission: See Attached

**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHEFS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Aug 16, 2017

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Alabama Firefighters Annuity & Benefit Fund: See Attached

Fire Rescue Group Purchasing: See Attached

State Advocate for Fire Exploring: See Attached

Alabama First Responders Wireless Communication: See Attached

Coalition against Bigger Trucks: See Attached

Old Business: None to Report

New Business:

Motion and Second to approve resolution supporting Guardian of Ribbons. Motion carried.

Motion and second to give Jon Lord the right to revise a proposal for new life insurance for members and report at the mid-winter conference. Motion amended to give the E-board negotiation right to give members 24 hours coverage benefit. Motion failed.

Motion and second to present a proposal for life insurance for members at the mid-winter conference. Motion carried.

Motion and second to give the E-board along with Orange Beach fire chief the right to negotiate a contract with Predido Beach Resort for 2019 conference site. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

Resolution 2017-01

Guardians of the Ribbon-Pink Heals Alabama Chapters

Background:

The Lower Alabama Chapter formed when Cindy Resmondo became diagnosed with breast cancer. Orange Beach Firefighter and then President of I.A.F.F Local 4309 Asher Michon, having knowledge of Pink Heals and the Pink Fire Truck Tour, was inspired to form a local Guardians of the Ribbon Chapter in honor of Cindy Resmondo to support all that struggle with a debilitating or terminal disease and their caregivers.

WHEREAS the Guardians of The Ribbon - Lower Alabama Chapter formed in 2010; and

WHEREAS,

Guardians of the Ribbon and Pink Heals Chapters are independent organizations of dedicated volunteers partnering public safety and local businesses to support people in need on a personal level; and

WHEREAS the Lower Alabama Chapter has supported cancer patients throughout the Southeast through community events and at-home visits; and

WHEREAS the actions and commitment of the Lower Alabama Chapter have inspired the organization of additional Chapters; and

WHEREAS the addition of the Pink Heals Central Alabama Chapter and also the Pink Heals Upper Alabama Chapter have expanded the number of persons supported and celebrated across the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS multiple other individual groups across Alabama share the vision and mission and have mirrored the efforts of these Chapters at a local level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs at this 2017 Summer Conference unanimously express our appreciation and admiration to the Guardians of the Ribbon - Lower Alabama Chapter, the Pink Heals Central Alabama Chapter, the Pink Heals Upper Alabama Chapter, and each individual group that works at the grassroots level to spread Hope, Love, and Determination to the those in need.

Passed and adopted by the membership of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs this 16th day of August 2017.

**Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
Executive Board Meeting
August 13, 2017**

The Executive Board of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs met on August 13, 2017, at the Perdido Beach Resort, AL. Chief Willis called the meeting to order with the following members present: Chief Arthur Willis, Chief Stephen Carroll, Chief Gene Nicklaus, Chief Jon Lord, Chief Gary Sparks, Chief A.J. Martin, Chief Wade Buckner, Chief Keith Martin, Chief Michael Whaley .

Minutes from the Jan 31, 2017 and Feb. 03, 2017 meetings will be approved at the annual business meeting.

The financial report was given as follows:

Account balances as of July 31, 2017	
Regions Bank – Checking	\$101,494.43
TYATFP Checking	\$ 7,342.35
APCO Credit Union	\$121,227.06
Total of all Accounts	<u>\$232,063.84</u>

Financial Report will be approved at the annual business meeting.

REPORTS:

Executive Director: Reported on 2016 Annual Conference numbers and vendor participation. The vendor response for this conference was great as the vendor hall was full.

President Report: See Attached:

1st Vice- President Report: See Attached

2nd Vice-President Report: See Attached

SEAFRC Report: See Attached

TYATFP Report: See Attached

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 13, 2017

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CAFCA Report: See Attached

NAFCA Report: See Attached

SWAFCA Report: See Attached

SEAFCA Report: See Attached

Joint Fire Council: See Attached

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion and second to approve the contract with Executive Director and the monthly expenses (phone, cell phone & internet service) not to exceed \$205.00 monthly. Motion carried.

Motion and second to pass a resolution for support of the Guardians of Ribbon's. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn.

**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
1ST QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR END 9/30/18**

	Oct '17	Nov '17	Dec '17	Quarter Totals
Revenue				
Membership Dues	150.00	2,133.75	3,865.26	6,149.01
Magazine Receipts	-	-	-	-
Annual Conference Receipts	5,196.24	3,100.00	2,000.00	10,296.24
Merchandise Sales	-	-	-	-
Interest Earned	-	-	-	-
TYATFP	-	-	-	-
GPO	-	-	51.32	51.32
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>5,346.24</u>	<u>5,233.75</u>	<u>5,916.58</u>	<u>16,496.57</u>
Expenses				
AAFC Conference Dues	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Capstone Images (Pins TYAFP)	-	-	-	-
Conference Expenses 2016 Annual	-	-	-	-
Dues and Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Internet/Phone/Cell Phone	203.00	203.00	203.00	609.00
Insurance (VFIS)	-	1,373.00	-	1,373.00
Legal and Accounting	-	-	-	-
Office Supplies and Expenses	-	34.41	-	34.41
Executive Director Salary	779.37	779.37	779.37	2,338.11
Payroll Taxes	1,698.75	-	-	1,698.75
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	-	-
Taxes and Licenses	-	-	-	-
University of Ala. (Mobile APP)	-	-	2,324.58	2,324.58
Travel Expense	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	-	-	-
NINE	-	-	-	-
PayPal	-	-	-	-
Hotel/Lodging	-	-	-	-
Liberty Arts	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>2,681.12</u>	<u>2,389.78</u>	<u>3,306.95</u>	<u>8,377.85</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	2,665.12	2,843.97	2,609.63	8,118.72

**Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
Executive Board Meeting
Oct 10, 2017**

The Executive Board of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs met on October 10 2017, at the Bryan Conference Tuscaloosa, AL, Chief Carroll called the meeting to order with the following members present: Sean Kendrick, Chief Gary Sparks, Chief Gene Nicklaus, Chief Steve Carroll Chief Arthur Willis, and Chief A.J. Martin, Guests were Brian Bonner, Chief Wade Buckner

A discussion was held concerning the layout for the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference with Alabama Fire College Staff.

Motion and second to have a silent Auction at the Mid-Winter Conference and give \$ 500.00 of this year proceeds to MDA. Motion carried

Motion and second to trademark the logo TYATFP. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn.

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

Financial Statements

Account balance for December 31, 2017

Bank	As of	Balance
Regions Bank - Checking	12/31/2017	\$89,130.42
TYATFP - Checking	12/31/2017	\$7,342.35
APCO C.U.	9/30/2017	\$121,676.46
Total of all accounts		\$218,149.23

Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs
2018 Budget
Oct. 1 2017 til Oct. 1, 2018

2018 Budget	Projected
AAFC Conference Expense	52,500
Mid Winter Conference	10,500
Bank Charges	400
Contributions	500
Dues & Subscription	300
Website & Support	3400
Insurance	5800
Legal and Accounting	3000
Office Supplies & Expense	120
Meals and Entertainment	250
Executive Dir. Salary	15000
Executive Dir. Expense**	2460
**Includes Telephone, Cell phone and Internet	
Payroll taxes	1147
Taxes and Licenses	25
Travel expense	3100
Miscellaneous	5000
Total Expenses	103,502



ONEONTA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

308 2nd Street North
Oneonta, Alabama 35121
Chief Arthur Willis

January 11, 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 Summer Conference in Orange Beach on August 13 through 16, 2017:

Starting September 6, 2017 with a kickoff meeting for the development of the Alafire smartphone app with the University of Alabama's Center for Advanced Public Safety research center, I have participated in numerous conference calls regarding the app's progress.

I have participated conference calls regarding the 2018 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



Alabama – Florida – Georgia – Kentucky – Mississippi –
North Carolina – Puerto Rico
South Carolina – Tennessee – U.S. Virgin Island – Virginia –
West Virginia

**Southeastern Association of
Fire Chiefs**
1123 Culpepper Circle
Charleston, SC 29407
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www.seafc.org

December 28, 2017

Southeastern Fire Chiefs

- MOU signed with Alabama Chiefs for joint conference
- Planning going well
- Profits from Conference will be shared as follows:
 - All Fire Chiefs 37 ½%
 - Southeastern Chiefs 37 ½%
 - Columbia Southern 25%
- Fire Marshal Andy King from Franklin TN will be replacing Jackie Gibbs on ICC Council.
- All GPO option is for 10% paperwork is done. Gene Coleman is our rep.
- SEAFC Legislative Committee chair is Butch Womack from S. C.
- Willington N.C and Atlanta Ge. Are options for 2020 Conference.
- Deputy Chief Shawn Hanson of Greater Naples FD is SEAFC representative on the ICC Fire Code Action Committee Regional Work group.
- Annual Board Meeting in Murfreesboro TN ~~January~~ ^{June} 26-29, 2017

CAFCA REPORT
2018
Mid-Winter Conference

CAFCA Membership

Currently for 2018 we have 257 members representing 57 agencies.

CAFCA Training

The CAFCA Training Consortium has 48 Fire College classes and 6 BREMS Classes currently on our calendar.

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
MID-WINTER REPORT, JANUARY 2018

NAFCA held its election of officers at the October 2018 meeting.

The newly elected officers for NAFCA are as follows:

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

NAFCA met on Thursday, September 14 at 11:00. Chief Bailey and Madison hosted NAFCA at Madison Fire Station 1, 101 Mill Road, Madison AL 35758. We had a report from the Nominations Committee. We were fortunate to have Det. Stacy Thomas with Madison PD offering a presentation on the Mental Health issues in our communities and some of their actions to combat this. I think we all realize that Mental Health is an issue statewide, and as that system is having problems many of those with mental health symptoms may not be getting proper treatment. That in turns leaves first responders to answer more mental health calls.

October NAFCA meeting agenda. AT&T's Michele Pilgreen reached out to give an update on FirstNet and all that the system offers. Last meeting, it was reported that the Nomination Committee nominated the following for 2018 Officers: President- Chief Tony Grande, 1st VP- Chief Wade Buckner, 2nd VP- Deputy Chief Brandy Williams, S/T- Chief Brad Hix. The election was held with no nominations from the floor and all nominees unanimously voted in to service. Adrean Booth, Alabama Fire College, offered information on the AFC Continuing Education program and encouraged members to utilize the FC as a resource.

NAFCA's November meeting did not meet quorum as it was held at Chief Buckner's Retirement Ceremony at 5 pm in the Apparatus Bay of Jacksonville Fire Dept. Station 1 at 911 Public Safety Drive, Jacksonville AL 36250. NAFCA had several members in attendance with President G. Necklaus presenting our thanks for Chief Buckner's service to NAFCA and to Jacksonville.

NAFCA's December meeting was held at the Huntsville Fire Department's J.O. Johnson Training Academy. Discussion was held in reference to the ADPH reporting requirements for those departments providing ALS services to citizens. Many Records Management Systems (RMS) are unable to meet the reporting requirements. FireHouse™ RMS is one system that will not currently meet the state reporting requirement. Additionally, FH™ has sold to ESO and ESO will assist with meeting the requirement. Discussion on the various solutions to this issue. AFC Region 2 Coordinator spoke on the Smoke Alarm program and the paperwork associated with placement of smoke alarms. Discussion was had on the various issues with legal departments and their requirements for documentation in addition to the AFC paperwork. Members were mulling over seeking a legislative solution to indemnify fire departments that wish to install smoke detectors for the general welfare and benefit of the residents of the state. Please get registered for the Mid-Winter Conference in Tuscaloosa, only a few rooms left at the Capstone. Legislation on the calendar

HB1 is the DROP bill, HB7 is the Diesel Exhaust bill, HB28 is a bill allowing the Fire College to use purchasing cooperatives, HB41 is the retiree cancer bill.

The logo for the North Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs (NAFCA) is displayed in a dark rectangular box. The letters "NAFCA" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (NAFCA)
A DIVISION OF THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS
MID-WINTER REPORT, JANUARY 2018

Fire College-The New Fire Chief course is coming. Get you and/or your senior staff registered. Chief McFarlen asked if anyone had experience with KRONOS timekeeping system. Discussion about timekeeping issues. Recognition of the Drager rep. and Mr. Ron Woodall from NAFECO. Recognition of the retirement of Deputy Chief McComb and Division Chief Britton from HFR by Chief McFarlen.

A special thanks to Fire Chief Gene Necklaus and Fire Chief Bryan Thornton for their service to NAFCA!

NAFCA

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE REPORT

**Southeast Alabama Fire Chiefs' Association
February 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 2017	Mid-Winter Conference, Tuscaloosa
April 2017	Prattville Fire Department
June 2017	Dothan Fire Department
August 2017	Summer Conference, Orange Beach
October 2017	Montgomery Fire Rescue
December 2017	Auburn Fire Division

TRAINING

The association is constantly seeking opportunities to provide or assist with training within the region.

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

Alabama Joint Fire Council

Minutes of the 5th January 2018 Meeting

EMS Committee reported that it appears that the cost to new license applications will be \$39.50 per person for background checks. EMS Committee asked for support on the legislation that would allow for the background checks and establish the price as well as give EMS and Trauma the ability to change licensure fees within a narrow framework without a legislative act.

Officers were elected for the 2018 year as follows:

Jon Lord – Chairman
Scot Pilgreen – Vice Chairman
Reid Vaughan – Sec/Tres

Legislation that was filed and impacted the fire service was discussed.

Tier I/Tier II was discussed but no action was taken to support the bill as there was no bill ready to file. Appeared to be some differences between the Union and the bill that certain legislators were preparing to file.

Other legislation was discussed by no significant issues were noted.

A motion to support the following bill as the Alabama Joint Fire Council was made and successfully passed by the body (HB1/SB2, HB7/SB4, HB28/SB6, HB41, HJR53/SJR18, General Fund Budget and Education Trust Fund Budget).

The 2018 Memorial Service was set for October 6, 2018 at 1500. John Merrill will be the speaker.

Alabama Joint Fire Council

Minutes of the 7 September 2017 Meeting

The AJFC met on Thursday, 7 September 2017 at the Rocky Ridge Fire Station.

Vice-Chairman Pilgreen called the meeting to order.

All members were given a copy of the previous meeting's minutes prior to the start of the meeting. **A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by S. Kittrell and seconded by X. Glover. The motion carried unanimously.**

All members were given a copy of the current financial statement prior to the start of the meeting. **A motion to approve the report as read was made by B. Doss and seconded by S. Kittrell. The motion carried unanimously.**

Member Agency Reports

AAVFD – B. Doss stated that the AAVFD conference turned out well and all the board officers remained the same.

AFA – R. Vaughan stated that AFA was working with another group regarding their 2018 summer conference. Vaughan also reported that he was representing AFA and NVFC on the NFPA3000 Committee.

AAFC – D. West reported that the summer conference was the most successful conference. West reported that Steve Carroll has been elected president and that the legislative committee assigned to Joint Fire Council would remain the same.

PFFA – S. Kittrell reported that David Harer was the new president and he would be taking a seat on the AJFC. Kittrell reported that the remainder of the committee would be Allen Marks and himself.

AFMO – S. Pilgreen reported that there were 60 fire fatalities so far this year. Pilgreen stated that the number currently is close to where we were last year. Pilgreen spoke about the sprinkler bill and the development of curriculum with Mary Beth from the Alabama Fire College.

AFC – R. Vaughan stated that AFC had put the Continuing Education program out on the streets in order to assist departments in keeping their training focused and meeting the standard required by ISO and other groups. Vaughan reported that that Administrative Code streamlining would be dealt with at the next meeting. Vaughan stressed that nothing was being eliminated from the code, but that the existing language would be cleaned up. Vaughan also reported that the new physical requirement for volunteer firefighters entering the 160 course would most likely be going into effect January 1, 2018.

Forestry – G. Wood stated that the State Forester sent his regrets for not being able to be there. Wood stated that the Asst. State Forester had just retired, and the search would be underway for a replacement. Wood reported that there was a proposal to reduce the number of Regions from six to four in order to lower the overhead costs. The Forestry Commission has been asked to approve this at their next meeting.

Standing Committee Report

EMS – No Report

Fire Caucus – No Report

Memorial – R. Vaughan reported that assignments had been made for the memorial and the only significant change is that Scott Pilgreen will be the speaker. Vaughan asked for volunteers to assist with the families and D. West volunteered to take the lead on this. Vaughan stated that he hoped our costs would be at or less than \$2,500.00 for this year's service due to some savings from years prior. Vaughan reminded everyone that it would be in the auditorium and we would kick off at 1500.

Old Business

R. Vaughan reported that a cancer registry resolution was being drawn up to go before the house and the senate. Vaughan reported that wording was being put in place for a Joint Resolution to be passed stating that the Alabama Fire College would be the state's POC for the CDC to work with.

New Business

No new business

S. Kittrell asked Chief Shirley for an updated on his injured firefighter.

The next meeting is set for December 8, 2018 at Rocky Ridge Fire Station #2.

The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Financial Statement1 - Last year
1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 12/31/2016						
5/9/2017	DEP				R	849.90
5/31/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	8,660.21
6/9/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 4823563	Memorial Tax Income	R	-3.00
6/30/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	774.31
7/12/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 4866112 - 1070446233	Memorial Tax Income	R	-3.00
7/31/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	941.27
8/10/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 4904847 - 1070494362	Memorial Tax Income	R	-3.00
8/31/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	864.04
9/25/2017	DEP	S Other Income		--Split--	R	-3.00
9/25/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 4957975 - 1070556509	Memorial Tax Income	R	450.00
9/30/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	845.86
10/6/2017	1018	Alabama Fire College	Rock for Memorial - Ground Floor	Memorial Upkeep	R	-3.00
10/6/2017	1019	Birmingham Bagpiper, LLC	Ryan Morrison	Memorial Service Expen...	R	-485.00
10/6/2017	1020	Clark Memorials	Memorial Service Expense	Memorial Service Expen...	R	-400.00
10/6/2017	1021	Carrot-Top Industries	Presentation Flags	Memorial Service Expen...	R	-805.00
10/6/2017	1022	The Frame Shack		Memorial Service Expen...	R	-809.99
10/6/2017	DEP	S Other Income		--Split--	R	-255.00
10/6/2017	1001	Alabama Joint Fire Council	Transfer to First Federal for Memo...	Memorial Service Expen...	R	4,129.12
10/6/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 4970484-1080003158	Memorial Tax Income	R	-2,500.00
10/31/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	934.96
11/13/2017	DEP	S Other Income		--Split--	R	-3.00
11/13/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 5019025-1080060771	Memorial Tax Income	R	250.00
11/30/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	1,127.87
12/7/2017	DEP	State Of Alabama	Warrant 5058489-1080110404	Memorial Tax Income	R	-3.00
12/31/2017	Bank Char...	Bank Charge	Bank Charge	Fees & Charges:Bank F...	R	891.75
1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017						
						14,590.40
BALANCE 12/31/2017						
TOTAL INFLOWS						19,869.39
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-5,278.99
NET TOTAL						14,590.40



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Chief Carroll,

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

Several legislative matters of interest to the body have been introduced for the upcoming Alabama legislative session.

- HB1/SB2- A reintroduction of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for ERS and TRS employees. This legislation is a modification of the previous DROP, in an effort to make the action cost-neutral to the Retirement System. The proposed legislation offers a reduced (relative to the previous DROP) benefit to retain experienced employees. The legislation keeps the age and service requirements of the previous DROP. The committee endorses HB1/SB2 as pre-filed.
- HB7/SB4- Diesel Exhaust Systems. This legislation was first introduced 2 sessions prior and effectively contested by various groups. Members of the AAFC Legislative Committee have worked with Representative Hanes during previous sessions to amend and adapt the language to achieve the intent of the bill (reducing carcinogenic exposure) in an effective and efficient fashion. The committee supports HB7/SB4 as pre-filed.
- HB41- Retiree Cancer Bill. This bill would provide retired firefighters with benefits in the event that an occupational disease is diagnosed within 10 years of retirement. This would extend some benefit similar to the 'Heart & Lung' bill to retirees. As of this report, the committee is working with Rep. Hanes to expand the definition of cancer in the bill, expected to be amended as such once assigned to a House committee. The committee supports HB41 provided an expanded definition of cancer.

Additionally, there are a few expected legislative matters that have not been filed as of this report:

- Revisions to ADPH EMS license requirements. The committee defers to the SEMCC for further details on the proposed changes.
- Legislation to change the Tier II RSA (non-state) employees to a Tier I benefit, including 'Stress Time' for fire, law enforcement, and corrections officers- Discussions continue on the details of this proposed legislation. Committee members are coordinating with Rep. Hanes, House Maj. Leader Rep. Ledbetter, RSA staff, and the leadership of the PFFA to finalize acceptable language that meets the intent. The committee recognizes the benefit this could have in terms of recruitment and retention of quality employees.
- A Joint Resolution establishing a Firefighter Cancer Registry in the state, to be used for the data collection and evaluation of firefighter cancers. The committee supports this effort.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Gene Necklaus

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January 9, 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 officers that were installed six months ago at our Summer Conference. Since that time, our committee remained idle until December 2017.

Last month the Nomination Committee has been busy working on the selection of the 2017 Fire Chief of the Year, as this is one of the charges of our committee per the Fire Chief of the Year Policy (FCOY).

Each year the Nominations Committee and the past three year's recipients of the prestigious Fire Chief of the Year Award form the selection committee for that year's Fire Chief of the Year. The application process opens in November and a request is sent to the Executive Director to advertise the opening of the application process. The application deadline is December 31st. In the month of January, we collaborate to select the Fire Chief of the Year candidate from the applications that we have received and recommend them to the Executive Board at the February Executive Board meeting.

At the post conference Business Meeting, the nomination committee will have a slate of officers ready for recommendation for the annual election process. Additionally, we are prepared to submit a nomination for our Southeast Representative as Chief Martin is retiring this month.

Kindest regards,

Michael A. Bartlett
Assistant Fire Chief



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January 9, 2018

President Steve Carroll
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Via Email: scarroll@cityofgadsden.com

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

Chief Carroll:

SEMCC continues to move forward in the endeavor to add medications and treatments for pre-hospital providers. Our last SEMCC meeting was December 12, 2017 in Clanton. Action was taken on many protocol revisions and several new medications were approved by the committee. Currently, SEMCC actions are being heard by the State Board of Health in February 2018 and upon approval we expect the new protocols to come out after March 2018. SEMCC will meet again on March 6th at the Fire College. The new medications and changes are summarized as follows:

- Added two new required medications: Cardizem and Ketamine
- Added five new optional medications: Epi auto-injectors for basics, Labetalol, Racemic Epi, TXA and Heprin.
- Added IM as an acceptable route of administration to the Narcan protocol.
- Spineboards may only be utilized for transport if the patient is paralyzed.
- Deleted Valium from protocols.
- Bougie was approved for Ped use.
- Many pediatric medications were moved from Cat B to Cat A.
- Ketamine will not only replace Haldol, but was also approved as a pain management medication that can be given instead of morphine or fentanyl.

- The EMISIS version 3 mandate took effect January 1, 2018

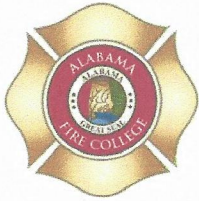
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- ADPH/OEMS has proposed a piece of draft legislation (attached to this report). It proposes to remove specific licensure fees and designate that fees be handled under Section 41-1-11 of the State Code as ratified in 2016. Further increases will be limited to the annual CPI under this statute. Additionally, it will require FBI fingerprint background checks for initial EMT licensure. The cost was verified at \$39.95 through the State. Finally, It struck Apparatus Operator as an approved course for driver. After discussion and a meeting with Joint Fire Council, AO will remain in the draft legislation as an approved course certification. With this allowance in place, everyone has shown support for the legislation.

The next meeting of SEMCC will be at the Fire College on March 6, 2018.

Kindest regards,

Michael A. Bartlett
Assistant Fire Chief



ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE AND PERSONNEL STANDARDS COMMISSION

January 29, 2018

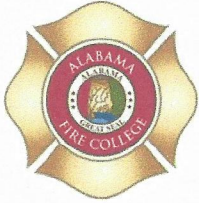
Steve Carroll, President
Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs

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 annual conference in August. The Commission met for the scheduled quarterly meeting on October 18, 2017. During this meeting, we approved the adoption of several changes to the administrative code for Fire Fighter certification. Most of these changes were clerical in nature, but we did approve the requirement of a physical statement as a prerequisite for beginning the Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter course. We also repealed the Fire Fighter I/II Bridge Certification Program in the administrative code as it is included as a method of delivery in the Certified Fire Fighter program. Again, this was merely a housekeeping issue and has no impact on the Bridge Program itself. We recognized Kim Davis as our employee of the quarter for all of her efforts in our certification processes. We were advised that Tim Love was selected as our new Section Chief of Training and would begin work on November 1st. We took action to purchase a new tractor for our recently ordered new mobile drill tower. Finally, a new certification was proposed, and we approved moving forward with consideration of it as Certified Incident Management Team Member as a means to enhance the statewide IMT process.

The Commission postponed the scheduled quarterly meeting for January 17th due to the winter weather, and the meeting was held on January 26th. During this meeting, the Commission was given an update on the National Center for Fire and Life Safety by Russell Jackson. The NCFLS is moving forward with funding and NFPA as the main sponsor. We continue to closely monitor this project as we have made financial commitments to assist with its formation. We recognized Melony Carroll as our employee of the quarter and again recognized Kim Davis as our 2017 Employee of the Year. We were presented the Chief Kenneth V. Elmore Award from ProBoard recognizing our 35 years of membership and more than 100,000 ProBoard certifications that we have issued. We are only the fourth entity to receive this award. We reviewed the new requirements of a Fire Fighter Proficiency Exam which must be successfully completed as a prerequisite to enter the Fire Fighter Bridge delivery program. We gave final approval to the proposed Certified Incident Management Team Member certification. We reviewed and approved the 2017 financial audit which came back with no significant findings. This was a great example of the hard work and diligence of the AFC staff and shows our progress as a stand-alone educational institution. We approved changes to the Notice of Employment Form and Physical



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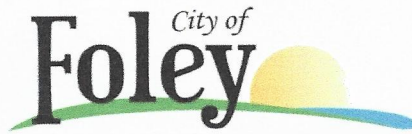
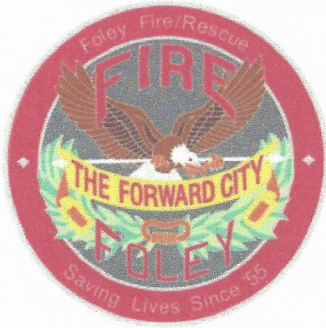
Statement in order to clarify and streamline these for use of all applicants. Finally, we toured the newly acquired and delivered mobile drill tower which was purchased with AFG funds. With the new tractor expected to be delivered soon, this will be another great asset for specialized training in the field.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph W. Darby". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joseph W. Darby, Commissioner



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January 29, 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 annual conference in August. 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. There are a handful of imminent threats which makes this letter important. These include additional work on the appropriations bill, upcoming infrastructure bills and the push for a new, limited study on impacts of Double 33-trucks from USDOT. We are worried this study could give the big truck lobbyists an opportunity to slip these proposals through quickly and quietly if there is no pushback from local governments that have to bear the brunt of the impact. I forwarded out a letter from CABT, and several of our members responded by adding their names to share with Members of Congress. 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



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CHRIS J. MULLINS
FIRE CHIEF



January 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

- As a result of our latest actuarial study, we were able to increase the monthly benefit from \$60.00 per month to \$90.00 per month. It is projected that the benefit amount will continue to increase.

Financial

- Total assets of the AFABF - \$243,785.12
- We have \$190,642.16 in our RSA Investment and \$53,142.96 in our operating account.

Goals

- Our goals remain the same in that we wish to increase membership in the fund as well as secure one or more substantial revenue streams.
- We are working on legislation that would provide funding from fees collected by the Fire Marshals office on fireworks and pyrotechnics permits. It is estimated that this would generate between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00 annually for the fund.

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

Respectfully,

Chris J. Mullins

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Alabama Firefighters' Annuity and Benefit Fund
Profit and Loss
 October 1, 2017 through
 December 31, 2017

	<u>Oct 2017-Dec 2017</u>
Income	
Buy Back	1,259.79
Donations	24,877.18
Dues	660.00
Income Tax Revenue	7,001.00
Miscellaneous Income	5.44
Total Income	<u>33,803.41</u>
Expense	
Administrative Expenses	
AFC Contract	4,149.60
Bank Fees	316.30
Miscellaneous	0.00
Post Office Box	0.00
Risk Management Insurance	1,260.00
RSA Transfer	55,000.00
Benefit Expenses	
Retirement Benefit	270.00
Termination of Account	0.00
Total Expense	<u>60,995.90</u>
Net Income	<u>(27,192.49)</u>
Beginning Balance as of Oct 1, 2017	80,335.45
Net Income	(27,192.49)
Ending Balance as of Dec 31, 2017	53,142.96
RSA Investment	190,642.16
Total Assets	243,785.12

We currently have 12 members of the Annuity Fund. There are 4 members from Mountain Brook that are payroll deduct, 7 members who pay with auto debit and 1 member receiving retirement benefit.

Chairman Reid Vaughan

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Program Overview

- 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.

Program Revenue Generation

- The Western Fire Chiefs Association distributed the following through Q3 of 2017 Southeast Division received a total of \$11,962.02 (including portion allocated for state chief associations)
 - a. At the end of 2017, over \$1,100,000 has been given back to all Divisions, State associations and IAFC since inception.
 - b. Alabama received \$323.56 in revenue through Q3 2017.

New Publicly Awarded Contracts. These contracts contain language that allow for piggybacking by your department thereby avoiding the need to go out to bid yourselves.

- **Fighting Equipment** - MES, CURTIS, Ten-8, GearGrid, Holmatro provides turnout gear, thermal imaging cameras, rescue tools, helmets, hose, 5-11 gear, uniforms, and much more.
- **SCBA Equipment** – Bauer, Cascade Fire, CURTIS, MES, Ten-8 provides open-circuit SCBA, closed-circuit SCBA, facepieces, regulator systems, intermediate pressure hose, RIC UAC, cylinders, maintenance, service, and testing.
- **Software Solutions** – Deccan, Hyland, Informer Systems, Mutualink, Target Solutions provides record management systems, app based platforms, computer

aided dispatch, fire operations and prevention, hardware, installation, maintenance, service testing, and more.

- **Cloud Storage** – AT & T has a contract to provide cloud service models and infrastructure.

- **Data and Communications** – new contracts available through AT & T have First Net pricing.

Reminder to go to website – www.nppgov.com/firerescue-gpo for all contract documents and pricing information – registration is free and there are no purchasing obligations! Call (877) 329-8847 for customer service.

ALABAMA Departments using FireRescue GPO Contracts in 2017

HELENA FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
LINCOLN FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT	US Digital Designs
ALABAMA	Sprint
STEWART HAVANA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	AT&T
ALTOONA FIRE DEPARTMENT	MES / Lawmen Supply
CITY OF HUNTSVILLE	MES / Lawmen Supply
MONTGOMERY FIRE DEPARTMENT	TESSCO
MOUNTAIN BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
PRATTVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
ALEXANDER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
CENTER POINT FIRE DISTRICT	Moore Medical
DAPHNE FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
ALABAMA	Intalere Contracts
HELENA FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
LAKEVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	MES / Lawmen Supply
MILLBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT	Zoll Medical Corporation
MONROEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT	MES / Lawmen Supply
MUSCLE SHOALS POLICE DEPARTMENT	MES / Lawmen Supply



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December 28, 2017

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- App is being Beta tested now.
- Certificate for Alafire.net has been purchased and will be applied to the site in January.
- CAPS is doing Demo at the Mid-Winter Conference
- Conference call is every other week
- Waiting on a \$10,000 check from Cardiac Solutions
- Maintenance is \$100.00 a month for hosting on Amazon server
- App is built to support additional States
- GA Fire Chiefs have developed a video and using TYATFP Statewide campaign



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ALABAMA FIRST RESPONDERS WIRELESS COMMISSION REPORT

To: Board of Directors
From: Jon A. Lord
Date: January 8, 2018
Subject: Report

The Wireless Commission met many times through-out the year in Montgomery to review all the options the State of Alabama had with the Opt In or Opt Out decision concerning FirstNet. After many hours of working through the details, we are pleased to report that AT&T was awarded a twenty year contract. After the award, we began negotiating for the State of Alabama's best interest and made a recommendation to the Governor by the Commission.

On September 21, 2017, the Commissioners voted 100% unanimously to Opt In with FirstNet and made this recommendation to Governor Ivey. On October 10, 2017, at a fire station in Montgomery, Governor Ivey held a press conference and announced that the State of Alabama would take the recommendation of the Alabama First Responders Wireless Commission and Opt In with FirstNet and their partner AT&T.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Lord
Secretary / Treasurer
Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs