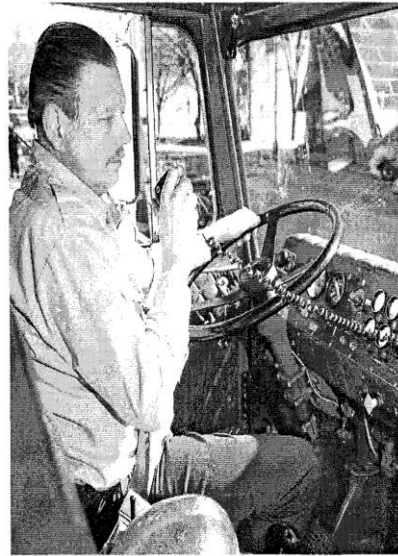


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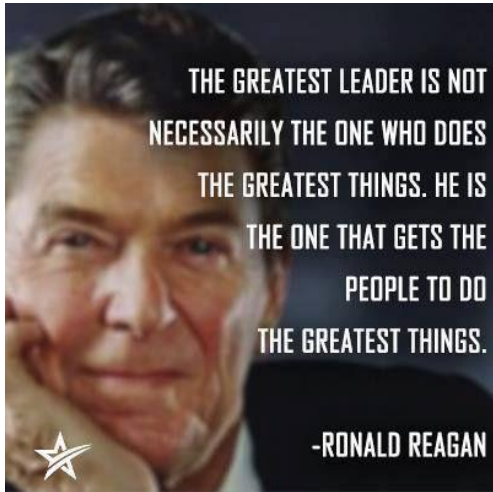
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Executive Directors Comments

A new year has arrived and with it comes great opportunities for you and the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads. Last year was great year for TARS. We saw a lot of growth in the Rescue College, Full and Associate Memberships, and a new category of membership for departments that are located out of state and not bordering the Tennessee State Line. With this being said, your association and your training programs are once again, being recognized not only in Tennessee, but in other states as well. Stay tuned and be watching!



Last year's Convention, EMS Symposium and Training, went over well, and having classes on Friday was a great success. If you did not attend or attended but did not take any classes, you really missed out. Looking ahead to this year's convention, we are working diligently to bring classes that can hopefully benefit everyone

in your squad. Be watching for the schedule and registration online.

Captains and Unit Directors, please make sure that you make plans to attend the Captains and Unit Directors Meetings in March, July, and October. These meetings are important to the success of the Association. Your attendance and voting on how the Association is governed and managed, is very important to its successes.

In closing, I hope your squad has a better year than 2019. Train hard, Spend wisely, make good choices and make your squad the best its ever been.

J. Stacy Rhodes
Executive Director

Convention Registration Information Coming Soon

Items of Interest for this year:



**Thursday Night Shrimp
Boil / BBQ/ Band**

Awards Banquet – Catered by Calhoun's



**BBQ Ribs and Chicken,
Catfish and Fixin's
Buffet**

The Presidents Page – State President Dujuana Naylor

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I want to thank all of you for having the confidence in me to elect me as your president. I will only make one promise to all of you: I will do my best for the association and always strive to do what is in the best interest of the organization as a whole.

Over the last few years we have seen a lot of changes and betterment of TARS and I look forward to our continued growth. We as officers can only lead as well as we are followed, and you can only follow as well as we lead. Please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions and don't be afraid to ask questions. This organization belongs to each and every one of us. We may not logistically be able to make everything that you ask for happen, but we will continue to do our best.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the officers with concerns. Also continue your excellence in rescue service by registering and send your members to classes. We are all only as good as we train, and we are never too old to learn.

May God bless and keep you all safe during our upcoming year and I look forward to seeing you all in February.

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A Message from Our State Vice President, David Tuck

I would like to give very big Thank you to Jerry and Rhonda Avent (Hardeman County) stopping and helping us on the way home from convention. I also need to thank the Roane County Rescue Squad (Eddie Jones) for their hospitality while we were waiting on Stacy Rhodes to come pick us up and bring us back to West Tennessee. We were leaving convention when we had car trouble just outside Knoxville. These great folks went above and beyond trying to help us.

It is 2020 now start asking yourself, what changes you want to make for you to be a better first responder. What can you do to help make your department better? What can you do to help our Association better? The word “change” is a very powerful word. There are a lot of people that is afraid of that word. I mean to change means we must do it different than the old way, some- times that is good and sometimes that it is bad. In today's society that we live in we are going to have to change in order to survive. This past year if you had attended any of the meetings you would understand this has been a hot topic. As discussions start back up in 2020 on how we can do things better and save money be opened minded, we are not trying to reinvent the wheel we are just trying to balance it to where it rolls smoother.

Hopefully everyone had a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a good start to the NEW YEAR.



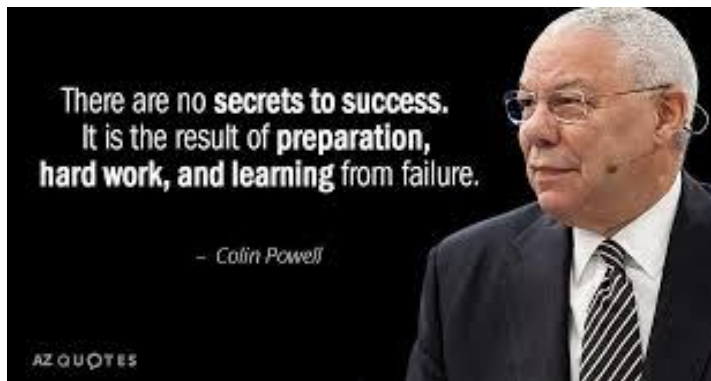
A Message from Our Region I Vice President, Scott Stewart

Happy New year everyone! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. First off, I'd like to thank each one of you for electing me as your Region 1 Vice President. It is truly an honor to serve the members of the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads in Region 1 as well as across the state. Remember the Region 1 February meeting will be hosted by Morristown Emergency and Rescue Squad and the June meeting will be hosted by the Hawkins Co Rescue Squad.

I ask that all the Captains and Unit Directors please make every effort to attend these meetings if possible. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to have someone else fill for you with the proper Proxy on agency letterhead. Decisions are made at these meetings and we need everyone's input. It also makes sure we have enough membership present for voting on issues pertaining to the Association. It will also be a good time to bring up suggestions for the convention and any training anyone wishes to see.

Also, if anyone has other emergency agencies in your area that you feel would benefit us or them by being a member of TARS please reach out to me and let me know so we can try and go together in hope's of recruit some new membership. By having a larger footprint maybe, we can reduce the cost of membership and convention.

**You were born with the ability to change someone's life.
Don't ever waste it.**



A Message from Our Region II Vice President, Keith Sartin

I would like to thank everyone for their support to Region II and to the State. I hope everyone has had a joyful new year. I will be calling every Captain and Unit Directors over the next few months. There are several items as the Region Vice President will need your input on. The February Region Meeting will be held in Hamilton County. The June Region Meeting will be held in Blount County. Here is a prayer that I found on travels in Rhea County. Please take time to read.

The Squadsman's Prayer

Almighty and Most Merciful Father

In Gratitude and Thanksgiving, we offer this, our prayer, for those who find it, their responsibility to serve others in an effort of compassion and concern.

Give to each of us, O Lord, the wisdom to know what to do at the right time.

Give to each of us patience that we may do our work with assurance and confidence and do the best we can to relieve pain, suffering and in the saving of life itself.

Give to each of us compassion that we may always be aware of the physical, mental and spiritual needs of those we serve. Grant to us,

Our Father, the knowledge to meet those needs.

Grant to the members of this Squad harmony and unity of spirit that we may be examples to our community.

Give to our officers the vision to lead us forward in service and protect each of us from harm as we serve. Help each of us to always be aware of your presence, Love and care each time we answer a call.

And grant Our Father, that as we serve others each squadsman will always be reminded that as we do to others, we are doing for Thee.

In Thy name we pray.

Amen

By Steve Nelson

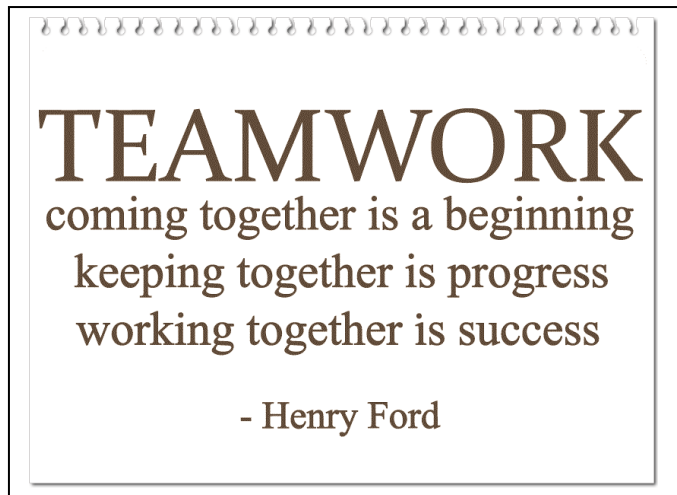
A Message from Our Region IV Vice-President Tim Moss

First, I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone at Region Meetings next month. During World War I James Montgomery Flagg painted the iconic poster that stated, "I want you for the U.S. Army." This poster that was painted over four million times was not only the slogan for the U.S. Army Recruiting; it was the face of Uncle Sam for years to come. With the New Year upon us, I am sure each one of you have some type of resolutions or changes you would like to make in 2020. Whether personal or vocational we all strive to be better than we were last year. I hope that this year we all strive to get the most out of our squad, and the most out of our association. We can achieve this goal by simply being active. Get out to your squad events. Make plans to attend college level trainings and association meetings. Our association and your local squad need you!

I can't wait to see what this year brings us. The State Officers are working hard to make the recommended changes to convention and meetings. If you need anything at all feel free to contact me, and I look forward to seeing and working with you this year.

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

~Winston Churchill



A Message from Our State Historian, Curt Taylor

Fellow TARS Members,

I hope this finds everyone well and setting your new personal and squad goals for 2020. I would first like to say thank you, to each one of you who voted and elected me as the Historian for this year. Across Tennessee, we are very blessed to have a great Organization made up of people who truly care for their fellow man. Each year I reflect on a couple different areas of my life and I try to put into perspective things that really stand out. This year is no different. Just a few within the TARS organization are, the election of our 1st female President Dujuana Naylor. 2nd is the amount of Rescue College classes are growing at an amazing speed. 3rd is something is as simple as it may be. The friendliness of all our members and it takes everyone's dedication and hard work to make things happen. This coming year I hope to meet many new faces and learn beside some of the best rescuers and instructors in this great state. Foremost I want to ensure the history of TARS is never lost. If you have any ideas for the State Scrapbook or a story out of a local newspaper you would like to share, please send it to me and I will be sure to add it to the collection or get it on our social media. I am always open to ideas on how to make things better.

Help us make this organization what you want it to be. Spread the word, share our post on Facebook, tell your friends about what you belong to. Be proud to be part of TARS.

Hope to see everyone soon

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A Message from our State Treasurer, Ross Musgrave

As we approached the end of another year and decade, I was saddened at the events on December 29th, in the Fort Worth, TX area. As most of you are probably aware, a church's worship service was interrupted by an active shooter. The event was ended quickly by a member of the church. This member's training ended the threat posed to him and his fellow church members in about 6 seconds. That brings me to my point.

As responders to all kinds of emergencies in our communities, the public relies upon us to be trained to handle anything that might arise. I'm not referring to a shooter event as mentioned above, but to medical emergencies and rescue situations in our various communities.

The public trusts us to take advantage of all kinds of training available to us in order that we can mitigate their crisis. It doesn't matter whether it's a vehicle crash, an injured person, or someone lost in the woods or on the water. We are relied upon to be ready to take care of the need.

Our association conducts a variety of classes all over the state and in the recent past all over the southeast. Our training is recognized all over the country as top of the line. And.....it's very affordable. I encourage you to get on the TARS web site and look over the schedule for the coming year. We have top notch instructors and classes to meet your every need.

If funding is a problem, apply for a scholarship from the Steve Carden Foundation. Information was sent out around the end of 2019.

I know this topic is a little out of my area as your treasurer, but it has been on my heart the last couple of days.

May you all have a happy new year! I look forward to seeing you at the February region meetings.

A Message from Our State Secretary, Jennifer Freeman

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season and that your New Year is off to a good start. First off, I want to thank each of you for electing me as your Secretary for another year. It is an honor to continue to serve you and the organization as an officer.

This year at the John Bird store we have several new shirts and still have plenty that we will be selling during the Region meetings in February. I look forward to seeing you there so you can get one of the new shirts before they are gone!

This past year Chattanooga Rescue Squad lost a rescue member and I would like to personally thank the TARS Honor Guard for their service during his visitation. Also, on behalf of the family they would like for me to also thank the members that came down and provided those services as well.

TARS is moving forward in a fast pace and doing great things in the world of training. I look forward to another great year with this organization and I'm proud to say that I am a member of such a great organization and the things that we are doing. I want to leave you with a quote from Albert Einstein "Learn from yesterday live for today hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." I look forward to seeing everyone during the Region meetings in February.

Captain / Unit Directors Meetings:

DoubleTree Hotel, Murfreesboro - 5:00 PM CST	March 20, 2020
DoubleTree Hotel, Murfreesboro - 5:00 PM CST	July 18, 2020
Music Road Hotel, Pigeon Forge - 3:00 PM EST	October 9, 2020

March's Captain/ Unit Directors meeting begins at 5:00 PM CST. A block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree for this meeting. **Reservations must be made at least 30 days in advance to receive the block rates of: King Room - \$99.00 per night, Double Room - \$99.00 per night.** Please call 615-895-5555 for reservations at the Doubletree Hotel and tell them you are with the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads.

Stephen R. Carden Foundation Update

Stephen R. Carden Foundation Scholarships Now Available

The Stephen R. Carden Foundation is pleased to announce that we are once again able to award scholarships for TARS College Classes for the year 2020. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships email stacy@tnars.org. For questions, you may contact Stacy Rhodes at stacy@tnars.org or call the state office at 865-689-3256. You will need to fill out the form in its entirety and mail to the state office, or email to stacy@tnars.org by March 1, 2020. Incomplete forms and forms received after this date will not be considered. Applicants awarded scholarships will be notified by March 30, 2019.

Stephen R. Carden Foundation Update

The goal of the foundation is to provide some assistance to personnel and services who could not otherwise participate in training. We are still in need of funds so that we can provide more training to our fellow squads. In 2019 we awarded scholarships to 12 individuals who filled out the applications for the available scholarships. We continue to adhere to the spirit of the founders' original intent and use the interest from the funds to support training programs.

We would like to thank the following charter members: Angie Bowen and Todd Derrick, Doug and Letha Warren, Roy Goddard, Union County Rescue Squad, Benton County Rescue Squad, George and Earlene Young, Pull-Apart of Knoxville, and Al and Nancy Davila. Charter member status will be granted for any donation of \$1000 or more. Donations can be made by individuals, groups or organizations and can be made as honorariums or gifts.

Tax deductible donations can be made online with PayPal at www.tnars.org or by contacting the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads State Office at 865-689-3256. Donations are still being accepted and are always welcome. Tax deductible donations can be made online with PayPal at www.tnars.org or by contacting the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads State Office at 865-689-3256. Or by mailing it to:

A Message from Our State Chaplain, Weston Morgan

Greetings from East Tennessee,

Hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. We would like to welcome our newest members to the T.A.R.S. Honor Guard: Mike Carroll and Greg Laughlin, from Kingsport Lifesaving Crew, and Jeff Holt, from Morristown Rescue Squad. As always, growing our Honor Guard is a large focus of the State Chaplains office. Anyone interested in joining the Honor Guard, please fill out an application online that is located on the T.A.R.S. website. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time if I can ever be of assistance.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me (Philippians 4:13).

Sincerely,

Weston S. Morgan, MBA / EMT-P



2019 Convention & EMS Symposium - Reservations Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

- Symposium & Training October 7-8, 2020
- Convention October 9-10, 2020

Convention Standard Room Rates

- ❖ Tuesday Night: \$129.00
- ❖ Wednesday – Saturday: \$139.00

The cutoff date to make reservations at the hotel is September 1, 2019. We highly recommend that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Please remember that one night's stay will be charged to your credit card upon completing your reservation

For **Group and Tax-Exempt Reservations**, please contact the Group Room Reservations Agent at 865-286-1782 directly.

- 1. Call 1-855-790-4646 and mention the Group Booking ID "9997" to our reservation agent.** Please note, this option is best if you're interested in booking additional days, whether before or after the blocked group dates, or if you would like to reserve multiple rooms at the same time.
- 2. Make a reservation online** by clicking the following link, which will take you directly to your group block in our reservation system:

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&groupID=2749862](https://reservations.travelclick.com/103047?NCK=8557904646&groupID=2749862)

2020 Convention Hotel Information



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Sportsman's Raffle

TARS would like to say a big Thank You to everyone that sold tickets for last year's raffle. We profited \$21,000 after all expenses were paid. This was a great first year event and we hope that this continues to be a great fund raiser for the association.

With this being said, the Unit Directors voted to do another Raffle in 2020. We have turned in the paperwork to conduct another Raffle for this year and are awaiting approval from the state.

READYOPS

ReadyOps is the system that we use to notify you (our members) of Association news, Training, Job Opportunities and other interesting and pertinent information in a fast, efficient, and inexpensive way. If you are not receiving emails from the State Office, you are missing out on a lot of information over the year. If you would like to receive these emails, please contact Shannon Lawson at shannon@tnars.org and she will get you added to the email list. If you have submitted your email and have not been receiving them, please contact Stacy Rhodes at stacy@tnars.org and we will get this corrected.

A Message from Our Training Coordinator, Brian Robinson

As some of you may or may not know, the TARS Rescue College has been very busy over the last couple of months. I want to say personally how much I appreciate all the host agencies and the Rescue College Instructors for their hard work and dedication over the 2019 training year. TARS has broadened our outreach to several neighboring states and in 2019 we educated students across the southeast, as well as, from around the globe. None of this would have been possible without the support and backing of the membership of the Association and its Officers.

With that being said, TARS has been a part of forming many partnerships with various agencies and has been introduced to new areas of training for our members and the communities they serve. At present, one of the more interesting developments is TARS working with UT Agrability, UT Extension, the Tennessee Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture presenting agricultural safety from both angles...the prevention angle and the rescue angle. Several instructors and I had the opportunity to travel to Kentucky recently and visit with their Ag Safety Director and discuss several upcoming partnerships regarding our existing Farm/Machinery Program, as well as, the TARS Grain Safety and Rescue Program which is being developed presently. Our hope across the board is that this will be something that can include safety and prevention for our local producers coupled with more extensive training for our responders.

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**A Message from Our Training Coordinator, Brian Robinson
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Finally, please keep tabs on the TARS website for upcoming training. I will try to keep the printed "Training Calendar" updated on a regular basis due to the fact we have had a lot of class requests that we can only schedule a couple of months out and the Rescue College tries our very best to accommodate everyone needing training. So, classes that are confirmed well in advance will be posted, as well as, classes with availability that have a shorter window between request and fulfillment. When classes are added, I will be emailing the listing via ReadyOp so please make sure you have good email addresses on file with the State Office for you and your agency so that this information can be pushed out to your membership.

February Region Meeting Information

- Region I – Morristown Rescue Squad
February 1st, 2020 3:00 PM EDT
- Region II – Chattanooga-Hamilton County Rescue Service
February 8th, 2020 3:00 PM EDT
- Region III – Hickman County Rescue Squad
February 15th, 2020 3:00 PM CDT
- Region IV – Houston County Fire – Rescue
February 22nd, 2019 6:00 PM CDT

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