



# AAND Today

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First Quarter 2009

## Summer is here! Is your calendar full?

Can you believe that it's already mid May? School will be out soon, and graduation is around the corner. Where did the year go?

With summer here, you know what that means...school may be out for our kids, but the school is just beginning for the rest of us. If you haven't filled up your calendar for the next few months, I sincerely urge you to begin checking off some of these important classes that are coming your way.

As first-responders, we owe it to ourselves and to our communities to be at the top of our game 24/7/365, and in case you haven't thought that far ahead...hurricane season is already peeking around at us as well.

There are several classes already scheduled through the UPACE partnership for June and July:

- **General Management and Supervision I** – June 18-19

- **Fundamentals of Emergency Communication District Management I** (*Special opportunity with registration details to follow*) – June 24-25
- **General Management and Supervision II** (*Choice*) – July 9-10
- **Disaster Preparedness and Response** (*Choice*) – July 9-10.

And, AAND's **One-Day Workshop** is scheduled for July 14. Adding these classes to your educational arsenal will certainly be a feather in your cap.

Then, there's **ACCA's Annual Conference** set for Aug. 18-20 for Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. AAND will have a membership meeting and breakout session tailored for our members, and there are other additional sessions that first-responders should consider attending. Sessions on stimulus funding and FEMA grants look promising!

If you haven't already registered for an ACCA event, you need to know that the Association has implemented an online-only registration program to help streamline the registration process. We will be using this online process for our One-Day Workshop, too. Instructions are inside this newsletter.

We should also take special note of the fact that nearly all of Alabama's counties are now Phase II compliant! With only two counties and three cities to go, we know they are working very hard to meet compliance requirements. Many, many thank to **Walker County 9-1-1 Director Roger Wilson** and **Etowah County 9-1-1 Director Bill Brodeur** for their hard work on his project to make our ECDs better prepared for the public that we serve.

*Hunter Simmons*  
AAND President

*9-1-1 Manager, City of Homewood*

### ACCA EDUCATION PROGRAMS SET FOR EVALUATION

A committee composed of representatives of ACCA's affiliate organizations will reconvene this summer to look at various options for enhancing the affiliate educational programs. The effort is part of the long-range plan adopted by ACCA's board of directors and membership last year.

The committee held organization and planning sessions last winter and hopes to make a formal recommendation to ACCA this fall.

"We look forward to working with the educational evaluation committee this summer to make sure we are meeting the needs of our staff members across the state," said **ACCA President Joe Faulk**. "A program this important should be evaluated and enhanced every few years because we rely on the leadership of our staff members and trust that they are well-informed on the current challenges facing county government."

The Association's educational programs currently provide a "certification" process for various county employees, including a certification program for AAND. Many of the courses offered in the program are common to all the educational programs and then specific courses are offered for each individual affiliate group.

"Our affiliate programs are an essential part of our success, both at the county and state levels," explained **ACCA Executive Director Sonny Brasfield**. "We are very interested in doing whatever we can to provide the most effective training programs."

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## HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR CONFERENCES

- Before you begin, please understand that much effort into making sure this system works for ACCA and our affiliates. We are aware that some may experience problems or have trouble registering. Contact Jennifer or Donna in the ACCA office to help resolve issues.
- Registrations will not be accepted via any other method. You **MUST** register through the online system.
- You might want to assign the duty of registering everyone in your office to one staff member. That staff member would be responsible for registering each person for all ACCA and AAND events and keeping up with everyone's login and password. We have already set up an account for every 9-1-1 director we know about.
- Go to [www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org). Click on the **Conference and Events** on the top left of the menu bar. Scroll down to the **9-1-1 Workshop**.
- Click on the tab to **Register Online**. (This will bring you to a **Welcome** page.)
- Your first step is to log in. You must be logged in to register for an event. Click on **Login** on the left side of the page.
- Enter your primary e-mail address. The current default password is **Password1**. Once you login for the first time it will prompt you to change your password. After you change your password, click on **Click Here to Continue** to bring up your current account information.
- **If it says, "Incorrect e-mail or password,"** we must not have you in the system. Go to **New Visitor Registration** to create an account. Enter your contact information and hit **Create Account**. Continue to the next step.
- Click on **Upcoming Events** on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on **9-1-1 One-Day Workshop**. Scroll down and click on **Register For This Event**. If you are **ONLY** registering one person, scroll down and check your information in the boxes provided. Click on **Add to Cart**.
- **IF YOU ARE REGISTERING MORE THAN ONE PERSON FROM YOUR OFFICE:** Click on **Group Registration** tab. Follow the instructions on the page.
- When you are ready, hit the **Checkout** button in the shopping cart. Enter your billing information if necessary. Click **Next**, and then choose your payment option. You have the option of being billed for the event or paying with a credit card. If you choose **Bill Me**, please print your receipt and use that as an invoice for payment. **Please make all checks payable to AAND, 100 N. Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.**
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail detailing your purchase. Please call or e-mail Jennifer or Donna in the ACCA office if you have questions: Jennifer Datcher at [jdatcher@acca-online.org](mailto:jdatcher@acca-online.org); Donna Key at [dkey@acca-online.org](mailto:dkey@acca-online.org); (334) 263-7594.



## JUST TWO DAYS LEFT!

There are two days left in the Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, **May 14-15**.

The rains came, but they didn't wash away the work left to be done! Stay in touch with your legislators, and check your e-mail and [www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org) often for updates.

# 2009 ONE-DAY Workshop

July 14, 2009 • Alabama Power Facility • Clanton, Ala.

The Alabama Association of 9-1-1 Districts will hold its Annual One-Day Workshop on **July 14, 2009**, at the Alabama Power Facility in Clanton, Ala. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend!

The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. This will allow most of you to drive in that morning and return home that afternoon. However, if you wish to stay in Clanton the night before, please contact Donna Key at (334) 263-7594 or e-mail her at [dkey@acca-online.org](mailto:dkey@acca-online.org) for hotel information.

Below you will find a tentative agenda. As most of you are aware, ACCA recently moved to an online registration system for all conference and events. Specific instructions on how to register online are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Registration for the workshop is **\$12 per person, including lunch**. The deadline for registration is **Friday, June 26**. Registration after June 26 will be \$15 per person. Questions? Please let Donna know.

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## 10 a.m. – Noon

Morning General Session

*Hunter Simmons, AAND President presiding*

- **Joint AAND/NENA Task Force**

*Rod Coleman, Tuscaloosa County 9-1-1*

*Director*

- **How Your County Can Use the 211 Program**

*Susan Carter, 211/First Call For Help*

## 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch (provided)

## 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- **Prepaid Wireless**

*Roger Wilson, Walker County 9-1-1*

*Director*

- **Next Generation 9-1-1**

*John Ellison, Shelby County 9-1-1*

*Director*

- **Open Legislative Discussion of Future Issues**

- **ACCA Insurance Programs**

*Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director and Meadowbrook Insurance*

- **ACCA Joint Bid Program**

*Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*

## 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn

# 81st ANNUAL Convention

Aug. 18-20, 2009 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala. • TENTATIVE AGENDA

## MONDAY, AUG. 17

**12 p.m.**

Golf Tournament Lunch

**1 p.m.**

Golf Tournament Shotgun Start  
Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley, Ala.

**1 – 7 p.m.**

Fishing Expedition  
Reel Surprise Charter Docks

## TUESDAY, AUG. 18

**9 – 10 a.m.**

ACEA Board Meeting

**10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Affiliate Membership Meetings  
ACEA @ 10 a.m.; ACAA @ 1 p.m.; **AAND @ 3 p.m.**; AAEM @ 4 p.m.

**11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Registration Desk Open

**11 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Exhibit Showcase

**11 a.m. – Noon**

ACCA Board of Directors Meeting

**12 – 1 p.m.**

Strolling Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

**1 – 5 p.m.**

CROAA Educational Session

**2 – 3 p.m.**

- Minority Issues Steering Committee (Open Forum)
- ACCA Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance Fund Meeting

**5 – 6:30 p.m.**

Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

- Convention Breakfast
- Nominating Committee Meeting
- Resolutions Committee Meeting

**8 – 11:30 a.m.**

Registration Desk Open

**8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Opening General Session

- State of the Economy, *Dr. David Bronner (Invited)*
- Development of Rural Areas, *Larry Lee, Director, The Center for Rural Alabama*
- Stimulus Funding for Alabama Counties, *David Perry, Attorney, Maynard Cooper & Gale*
- An Economic Success Story in Houston County, *Mark Culver, Chairman, Houston County Commission; Ronnie Gilley, Owner, Ronnie Gilley Properties*
- Economic Development Districts
- Partnering with Industry
- Report of the Nominating Committee

**12 – 1:15 p.m.**

County Agents Kitchen Lunch

**1:30 – 4:45 p.m.**

Concurrent Sessions

- Jail Workshop, *Ken Webb, Webb & Eley, P.C.*
- County Bond Financing Review
- Feeding of Prisoners
- Pros and Cons of Subdivision Regulations
- Is Self-Governance for Your County? *Bill Cook, Macon County Compliance Officer*
- Improvement Districts, *Alston Ray, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose*

**4:45 p.m.**

ALGTI Board Meeting

## THURSDAY, AUG. 20

**7:45 – 8:45 a.m.**

County Agents Kitchen Breakfast

**8 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

CROAA Educational Session

**8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Breakout Sessions

### Commissioners

- Stimulus Discretionary Project
- Update on FEMA Public Assistance Grants, *Benji Abbott, AEMA*

- ADEM's Recycling Grant and Dump Cleanup Programs, *Phillip Davis, Solid Waste Branch, ADEM*
- Rural Water and Sewer Authorities
- County Striping Programs: Two Approaches, Same Results – Saving Money!

### ACEA

- ALDOT Update
- Employee Recruitment and Retention
- Stimulus Discretionary Project
- Workers Compensation Issues

### ACAA

- Examiners Report
- Sanitation Collection
- Reimbursement for Elections

### AAEM

- Emergency Fund Legislation

### AAND

- 211 Program
- Elected Officials View of 9-1-1

**10:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Spouse Program – A Day at the SPA

**12 – 1:15 p.m.**

Convention Luncheon Honoring  
2008-2009 President Joe Faulk

**1:45 – 4:45 p.m.**

Afternoon General Session

- Awards Ceremony
- Washington Report  
*Sen. Jeff Sessions (Invited)*  
*Rep. Mike Rogers*  
*NACo President Valerie Brown*
- ACCA Business Session  
Executive Directors Report  
District Caucuses

**6:30 p.m.**

President's Banquet Honoring 2009-  
2010 President-Elect Larry White

**8 p.m.**

President's Inaugural Dance  
Featuring *The Sweet Young Uns*