



LBCA

March 2013

Newsletter

President's Letter

Dear Fellow Members,

The daffodils are spilling over the hillsides in Rabun County so spring must be on the way! We have water in the lake and have had wonderful rain making all our beautiful mosses very green. I look forward to all of our spring and summer activities and to the return of those of you who do not come very much in the winter.

This issue of the LBCA newsletter is all about our wonderful volunteer fire departments. Remember to thank each of these great people when you see them. They all take such good care

of us. Please support the Tallulah-Persimmon Barbeque Fund-Raiser on March 30, 2013 and remember that they are also accepting donations for the fire department's silent auction.

Have a beautiful spring and be sure to observe the progress on "Lake Burton Park." Thank you so much for all of your support.

Yours truly,

Becky Callahan



Evolution of Rabun Fire Service

by Gaston Brawley

It's late, the night policeman in Clayton fires his pistol to sound the initial alarm. A dinner bell rings from the front porch of the Blue Ridge Hotel, clanging out an alarm to awaken the community. Volunteers rush to get the hand drawn fire cart which carries a hose reel and equipment. By the time they arrive at the fire, they are winded from dragging the cart up and down the streets of Clayton, and the small hose is no match for the fire which quickly consumes the wooden structure. So is the state of fire protection in Rabun County before 1940.

After several devastating hotel fires in the late 1930's and 1940, the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department was formed in April 1941, and with the support of the City of Clayton, the first fire truck arrived in Rabun County in late 1941. For the next 30 years, this was the only fire department in the county. And although it

would go to fires outside the city limits, it began charging a \$25 fee in 1948, for non-city residents.

The 1970's saw the creation of most of the Volunteer Fire Departments in Rabun County that we have today, with Tiger being the last created in 1991.

Each of the departments was created by the local community and volunteer firefighters - funded by barbeques, square dances, bake sales, raffles, art shows, and anything else the community could do to raise the funds required to build the stations, buy the trucks and equipment, and support their community fire department.

All twelve of the Volunteer Fire Departments were fiercely independent. I was once told by a county commissioner that, "There are three political parties in Rabun County, the Democrats, the Republicans, and

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Evolution of Rabun County Fire Service

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the firefighters.” With over three hundred volunteer firefighters, their families and local community supporters, each fire department had to create a strong lobby with the county commissioners for funding of new buildings, equipment, and trucks.

By 1995, the Rabun County Commissioners were overwhelmed by requests from the individual departments for support and funding. At the December 1995, County Commission meeting, they created the Rabun County Fire Services Advisory Committee. “The purpose of this committee is to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners concerning fire services matters and to act as a liaison between the Board of Commissioners and the volunteer fire departments.” It was intended that the Fire Committee meet monthly with the fire chiefs association, comprised of the twelve fire chiefs, and report to the County Commission.

In 1998, the Rabun County Fire Service was formed, to consolidate all the fire stations and firefighting equipment and trucks to county ownership. The county eventually took responsibility for the cost of heating the stations, electricity, fuel, and maintenance of the trucks. Mike Hopkins, head of the Advisory Committee and President of the Chiefs Association, was designated Chief of Rabun County Fire Service.

Two full time firefighters were hired by the county in 2008, to support the standardization of policies, procedures, and equipment among the twelve departments. In addition to responding to emergency calls, these paid firefighters perform routine maintenance and inspection of firefighting equipment at

all twelve stations. They also coordinate and schedule required training to maintain firefighter certification at the Rabun County Fire Service Training Facility, completed in 2008, which is provided by the Georgia Fire Academy. They were instrumental in coordinating the effort which lowered the county wide ISO rating from 9 to 5 which was accomplished in 2009.

Progress requires sacrifice and always has a cost. Times are changing,

department with twelve stations. Firefighting, as a profession, is burdened by the increased complexity of constantly changing rules and requirements designed to improve the safety of the firefighters and those we are charged to protect. Consolidation of management of the fire departments, with consultation of the twelve volunteer fire department chiefs, may be necessary to ensure that we can effectively handle this change going forward.

Fire Department	Established	Station
Clayton	1941	# 1
Tallulah Falls	1971	# 7
Lakemont-Wiley	1972	# 4
Valley	1974	# 5
Tallulah-Persimmon	1976	# 3
Lakes	1976	# 10
Chechero	1977	# 2
Warwoman	1978	# 6
Satolah	1978	# 8
Sky Valley	1978	# 9
Wildcat	1979	# 11
Tiger	1991	# 12

Replacing all the volunteers with paid firefighters is not an economical option for Rabun County, but supplementing the volunteers with paid staff at select stations is an option the county will probably be required to consider.

Over the years, the Volunteer Fire Departments, in addition to providing necessary emergency services, have replaced the community school as the center for community activity and camaraderie. The bonds of the community are shown in these stations and the families and

friends they have created. The LBCA is an integral part of that family.

The Rabun County Commission and Fire Services Committee must find the “right path” for the future of Rabun County Fire Service – one that allows us to have the best possible fire protection, while not destroying the Volunteer Fire Department family, so important to the life of our community. Change is inevitable, but most times a slow methodical change is better than a fast radical change. I hope the evolution of the Rabun County Fire Service continues, without making the Volunteer Fire Departments extinct.

and the number of people able and willing to volunteer as firefighters is decreasing. Fewer and fewer young people hear the call to volunteer - and businesses are less tolerant of allowing their employees to walk off the job to answer the emergency call. It costs time and money to be a volunteer firefighter. Time for training and answering calls, time for fund-raising activities, and the unseen out of pocket cost for fuel and wear on personal vehicles used to respond to the calls.

In order to maintain and improve our ISO ratings, I anticipate an increased effort in the near future to transition the twelve independent volunteer fire departments into a single county fire



Tallulah-Persimmon Volunteer Fire Department by Tom Madison

The idea for a Tallulah-Persimmon Volunteer Fire Department (TPFD) was originated in 1976 in the Clayton Café. Three Charter Members (George R. Darnell, Jr., Floyd (Ned) Stockton, and Randall Wilson) met with Coleman Jarrard (then Chairman of the Rabun County Board of Commissioners). After learning of the availability of fire apparatus for a rural community with enough interest to form a new fire department, these three charter members informed Mr. Jarrard of their intention to organize the department.

The first meeting for the station took place on August 1, 1976, at the "Coon-Hunters Association" Lodge located on Persimmon Road. George R. Darnell, Jr. agreed to make land available for construction of the station. Charter members included George Darnell, Floyd Stockton, George English, Paul Roberge, Scot Roberge, Cecil Parker, Dwayne Thompson, Smiley Hendricks, Kermit Thompson, John Howell, Lamar Edwards, Walter Manka, Jim Nixon, Roy Hollifield, Allen Holcomb, Russell Darnell, Jud Nichols, Dennis Chamblee (still an active volunteer firefighter today!), Fred Chamblee, J. Hall, Claude Kilby, and Kenneth Beck (retired from the station just last year!).

The first fire truck made available for the station was a used 1000 gallon "fire knocker" that was leased from the Georgia Forestry Commission. The station building (still in use today!) was constructed later in 1976.

The current inventory of TPFD firefighting apparatus includes:

Rescue Truck - Equipped to fight relatively small fires, usually brush fires. Can carry up to 250 gallons. First vehicle to deploy in medical emergencies or motor vehicle accidents. Primarily emergency first aid. Equipped with "Jaws of Life" equipment in case of victim entrapment.

Engine 33 - "Class A Pumper" acquired in 1990 (23 years old). Can carry up to 1000 gallons - which is very important since we don't have a "wet" hydrant system in Rabun County. Firefighters must rely on the water they carry with them plus water extracted from local sources. This is the first truck to respond to any structural fire call.

Engine 3 - "Class A Pumper", a new 2012 International truck delivered to the station in January, 2013. This new, state of the art truck has a 1500 gallon per minute water pumping capacity and can carry up to 1280 gallons.

Tanker Truck - Acquired in 2003, it carries up to 2000 gallons of water and is used to shuttle water from closest source to supply Engine 33 and Engine 3.

More Volunteers Needed

The number of active volunteer firefighters has shrunk to only 12. The primary reasons for the shrinking number of volunteers are:

Economic. The lack of quality jobs in Rabun County has forced several former volunteers to seek work elsewhere, making participation impractical. The rising cost of fuel (donated by volunteers) is also an economic burden.

Ever-increasing time requirements for training and equipment maintenance. The classes and courses required to certify as a structural firefighter increase annually. To remain certified, more classroom time is required each year.

Increasing number of call outs. As the number of call outs increases, the expectations for responses by the volunteers also increase. This takes more time from jobs and families.

Urgent Need to Replace 35 Year Old Station Building

We respond to structural fires, brush fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents - including victim extrication (Jaws of Life), and manage landing zone areas for medical helicopter landings. There were 225 calls last year: a combination of motor vehicle accidents, fires, and medical emergencies. The number of call outs from the county 911 dispatch center has been growing steadily by approximately 10% a year.

This station was built in 1976, making it nearly 35 years old. It has no sleeping quarters and has had problems with its well. (It went without water for over a year.) The truck bay can barely accommodate the new larger fire trucks. The tight fit and building configuration (only one access door) makes parking of the vehicles very difficult.

Auction items are needed for donation to the

TPFD station live auction event planned for March 30, 2013. The most effective fund raising activity last year by the Fire Station was the live auction event that occurs as part of the annual Volunteer Fire Fighters barbeque event. Items donated last year included an antique clock, a private aircraft scenic tour of Rabun County's mountains, fishing gear, jewelry, furniture, a rifle scope, gift certificates, etc. All were sold to bidders at the firefighters auction and the funds used to purchase badly needed equipment, text books, and protective gear for the volunteers. Please consider donating something to this auction. All donors will receive a letter from the Fire Department acknowledging their contribution to a non-profit charity that can be used for income tax reporting. Contact Tom Madison at 770-843-8841 or 706-782-9980 and he will coordinate pick up of items for storage until the auction event.

The very generous financial contributions from the LBCA events each year are a major part of the funding for replacement and upgrade of firefighting equipment, protective clothing for the volunteers, and textbooks for classroom instruction. Without this financial support, it is doubtful the station could provide a viable firefighting team.

In addition, LBCA can have a major impact on the Board of County Commissioners, asking them to find the means for improving compensation for the volunteers. The station must be able to maintain an adequate number of certified firefighters and mandatory equipment in order to retain the improved ISO ratings that support the reduction in home insurance rates we have received.

Tallulah-Persimmon Station #3 Roster

Chad Dixon*	Chief
Josh Harvey	Assistant Chief / FR / EMT-I
Jeff Hooper	Captain
Tom Madison*	Sec/Treasurer / Basic Firefighter / FR
Corey Beck	Basic Firefighter
Dennis Chamblee	Basic Firefighter / FR
Charlie Beck	Basic Firefighter / FR
Lucas Bynum	Basic Firefighter
Victor Beck	Volunteer
Shayne Harvey	Volunteer
Jesse Chamblee	Basic Firefighter
Justin Upchurch	Basic Firefighter / EMT-I

* Also members of the Rabun County Wilderness Search & Rescue Team
FR - First Responder, EMT I - Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate



Lakes Fire and Rescue Department

by Barry Wood

Lakes Fire and Rescue Department (LFRD) was formed around 1977 through cooperation between LBCA, Mountain Patrol, and the local community. LBCA agreed to provide all funding if the community would provide manpower. To date that arrangement has worked exceptionally well. Land for the station was donated by Georgia Power Company, located behind the Mountain Patrol headquarters. Additional land was donated by Verner Kastner for the Wildcat substation on Highway 197 near LaPrades. Building materials were donated by Reeves Hardware and LBCA for the stations at Mountain Patrol and at Wildcat. Labor to build was provided by the local community and Wood Brothers.

Beginning with one 1953 Chevrolet/American LaFrance pumper purchased and donated by Mountain Patrol, today LFRD has a full complement of fire equipment including:

1993 GMC/E1 Class A Fire Engine with 1000 gpm pump and 1000 gallon tank.

2006 Ford Squad/Mini Pumper used for medical calls, accidents and brush fires.

2008 Kenworth/Fouts Bros

Tanker with a 2000 gallon tank.

2000 SeaArk 24-Foot Roustabout Fireboat with 1000 GPM hale pump on Lake Burton.

2011 SeaArk 24-Foot Roustabout Fireboat with 1000 GPM hale pump on Seed Lake

2012 John Deere Gator with rescue bed – donated by family and friends of Dr. John Dunbar and the LBCA.

The department split into two stations in 1996 when Wildcat Volunteer Fire Department was formed to serve the west side of Lake Burton. LFRD presently maintains three fire stations: one land and two marine. Its main fire station is located on Burton Dam Road, at Fred's Place, next to Mountain Patrol. The two marine stations were built in 2000 on Murray Cove Road at the boat ramp and in 2008 on Seed Lake Road.

In the next three years, LFRD is expecting to relocate to a new building on a Georgia Power lease lot near Tom James Lane, about 1/2 mile from the Georgia Power land office. Additionally, land has already been donated, and a new substation is planned near the Seed Lake Dam. We also expect to replace our current engine, in this time period. Funding for the new buildings and engine has been

budgeted by local SPLOST funding. Our current engine, and other used equipment from the county will equip the new substation.

In 2012 we ran approximately 200 calls – of which about 140 were rescue/medical.

Due to the original agreement with LBCA, LFRD does not hold any fund-raising events. The LBCA underwrites the bulk of our operating budget and, with the addition of local SPLOST funds, covers the most critical improvements. While most of the firemen have multiple jobs to support their families, they are volunteer firefighters and receive no pay for their services.

Lakes Station #10 Roster

A. Barry Wood	Chief
Steve York	Asst. Chief
Matt Wood	Captain
Kenney Watts	Captain
Marvin Watts	Captain
Jerry Burrell	Lieutenant
Hunter Hargrave	Lieutenant
Jeffery Lovell	Fireman
Kerri Wood	Fireman
Michael Crowe	Fireman
Kyle Watts	Fireman
Will Nichols	Fireman
Bronn Wood	Fireman
Tate Nichols	Explorer
Jess Watts	Explorer
Cara Woodall	Explorer
Anna Belle Watts	Explorer
Bryce Shackelford	Explorer



Photo by Susan Leggett



Wildcat Volunteer Fire Department by Gaston Brawley

Wildcat Station was created as a substation of Lakes Fire and Rescue Department in 1977 on land donated by Verner Kastner on Highway 197 across from Kastner's Store. The 24 by 36 foot garage housed two "Georgia Fire Knocker" trucks and had no running water or restrooms. (A Georgia "Fire Knocker" is a pumper truck, designed in the late 1960's for the Georgia Forestry Commission. It utilized a surplus military truck as a base with tank and small pump mounted on it. The Forestry Service retains the title to these trucks.) We could always tell when the tanks on the fire trucks were full of water, because they were too tall to fit in the cramped station if they were empty.

In February 1996, the Wildcat Volunteer Fire Department was created, and the station separated from Lakes Fire and Rescue. Rabun County told us that if we built a new fire station, they would purchase a Class A fire engine to put in it. The Kastner family again donated land adjacent to the station and fund-raising began. In June 1998, the new station was completed and dedicated to the memory of Verner Kastner. In 2000, the county came through on their promise, and Engine 11, a Class A pumper was purchased. The county also provided the tanker and rescue squad vehicle. In 2008, the county gave the station a grant of \$5,000 which was used to add a fourth truck bay. The tornado and resulting fire on April 27, 2011 totally destroyed the fire station and all equipment, except for Engine 11, which was driven out of the burning building and saved from destruction by Richard Holt.

Starting over after the fire was hard, but because of insurance coverage maintained through Volunteer Fire Insurance Services (VFIS), we had the funds to rebuild. We were only able to afford this

insurance, because of the continual support of the LBCA. Within a week of the tornado and fire, VFIS had paid out the majority of our claim, and we were able to immediately begin rebuilding. On April 28, 2012 - one year to the day after the station was totally destroyed - our new station officially reopened. Except for \$60,000 paid above our coverage for the new replacement tanker, Rabun County had zero out of pocket cost to replace our station. Thank you LBCA members and the local community!

Our new fire station has three drive-through bays which can house up to six trucks. A large meeting room with fully equipped kitchen can easily handle community activities. The second floor has two large bunk rooms with complete baths - should our station be needed to support 24/7 staffing for fire or EMS in the future. Our current compliment of equipment includes the following trucks:

2000 E1/International Class A Pumper with 1250 gpm pump and 1000 gallon tank

2011 Freedom Fire/Peterbuilt Tanker with 500 gpm pump and 2000 gallon tank

2012 Freedom Fire/Ford F550 4 wheel drive Rescue Squad used for medical emergencies, brush fires and motor vehicle accidents

Both the pumper and tanker have full draft capabilities and can be used to pump water out of lakes and streams. We will be getting a fourth truck in the near future from the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department which, after modification, will become our service and equipment truck.

Our major fund-raiser is the Annual Fried Chicken Fund-Raiser featuring Pat Marcellino's "Chick'n Coop" fried chicken and corn fritters. This event will be held on July 13, 2013. We also have a community covered dish dinner every January which also

serves as our community Christmas party. The Wildcat Volunteer Fire Department sponsors the boating safety course in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources. It is scheduled for June 8, 2013.

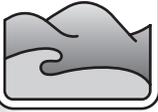
Our roster includes ten full-time members and two explorers. Most are charter members and were involved in the founding of the station 17 years ago. Most have 20 to 35 years of experience as volunteer firefighters.

The Wildcat Volunteer Fire Department is very fortunate to have the LBCA and strong community support for our operations and activities. Thankfully, we are one of the best equipped and funded stations in the county. Our needs for the future, center mainly on our ability to recruit and retain volunteers. The majority of our members are in their 60's and 70's, and although we have years of experience in firefighting, it is getting harder and harder for us to get up and answer the call.

Wildcat Station #11 Roster

Pat Thompson	Chief/EMT
Larry Turpin	Assistant Chief
Ranny Whitney	Captain
Pat Marcellino	Lieutenant
Jimmy Thompson	Lieutenant
Larry Vaughan	Lieutenant/FR
Gaston Brawley	Lieutenant/FR
Rick Waterhouse	Firefighter/FR
Brendan Thompson	Firefighter
John Adams	Truck Operator
Milas Thompson	Explorer/JF
Marcus Thompson	Explorer

FR - First Responder
JF - Junior Firefighter



So You Want to be a Volunteer Fireman?

My pager alarm went off at approximately 1:20 AM. I had been asleep for about an hour and the last thing I wanted to do was get up, get dressed, and drive to the station. However, the page out was a three station alarm, and the address was identified as Timpson Cove (later changed to Meeting House Mountain Road). This is close to home so I made myself get up, put on my turnout gear, get in my truck as fast as I could and race to the location.

When I got to the scene, the fireboat had just arrived and was trying to put out a fire aboard a burning boat adrift in the water. The boat house was engulfed in flames and clearly lost. The immediate threat was flying sparks from the boat house that were being blown up the bank and into the large home under construction. The walkway and stairs connecting the two structures were already on fire. There were only a few of us on the scene and we quickly deployed two 2 1/2 inch hoses from the pumper truck.

We got as close to the boat house as possible and pumped water on it. Within minutes, the lake bank became a river of mud. We kept sliding down the bank and having to climb back up to stay away from the flames and not fall into the lake. The fireboat began to shoot water on the boat house. This generated a huge blanket of steam that drifted toward our position, making it impossible to see much of anything. At one point, the fire boat crew couldn't see our team on the bank and struck us with the full force of its water cannon. This gave me a personal appreciation for the force of a 300 PSI water flow. This firefight went on for about an hour and, fortunately, we were able to prevent the fire from reaching the main house. Unfortunately, the boathouse and boat were a total loss.

Everyone was pretty exhausted when the firefight was finally over. About 2:30 AM, the Chief indicated that he was satisfied that the fire was extinguished and there were no hot spots so we began the process of wrapping up all the equipment. We returned to the station and began the cleaning up process. Every hose and piece of equipment used in the firefight had to be cleaned with a water pressure sprayer and replaced on the trucks. It was an especially painful process this time because just about everything was covered in mud. I was very impressed with the three teenage (ages 15-17), rookie firefighters who took on much of the cleaning process. Around 4:00 AM, things were finally back in place. I stripped out of my filthy turnout gear, threw it into the back of my pickup truck and drove home in my bare feet and boxer shorts. Fortunately, no one is out this time of morning to care. I crawled back into my bed around 4:30 AM and immediately went to sleep.

At approximately 6:30 AM, my pager alarm went off again and I heard the dreaded call out from dispatch of a reported "rekindle" of a fire at the same location. So, I made myself get up again, put my gear (now covered in dried mud) back on and head back down the mountain. The second time was not as bad and the fireboat was able to handle the hot spots pretty quickly. Finally, around 7:30 AM, I was able to leave and return home.

Forty-eight hours later things had returned to normal. I drove by the site of the burned out boat house to see what it looked like in the daylight. It wasn't pretty. However, I felt pride in the fact the main house was still standing and was no worse for the event.

I hope my pager does not go off again for a while...

Anonymous Rabun County Volunteer Fire Fighter

Dear Tallulah-Persimmon Volunteer Fire Fighters,

It was a pleasure for John and me to meet you and hear your account of fighting our boathouse fire. We are very grateful to you and all of the volunteer firemen who came out in the early morning hours of June 7 not once, but twice, to extinguish the fires of our boathouse and two boats. We are convinced that your efforts saved the house we are building and kept our neighbors boathouses safe.

*With much appreciation,
June & John Douglas*

Barbara and I are so grateful for volunteer firefighters! Your kindness, hard work, & bravery was unbelievable!

Thank you for all you did for us!

Barbara & Tom Stanfill

(Thank you note from Barbara & Tom Stanfill to the Tallulah-Persimmon Fire Station after home fire on November 9, 2012.)



County Plans for Upgrades to Fire Stations

by Pat Leake (Based on conversations with Randy Speed, County Fire Committee member)

In 2007 voters in Rabun county approved a Special Purpose Local Option Tax (SPLOST) of one percent. With money from this tax, three projects to increase fire protection in the county have been approved and funded. They are:

76 East – On U.S. 76 in the Chechero community.

76 West – Currently a search for land along U.S. 76 is underway to relocate the Tallulah-Persimmon station.

Warwoman – To be rebuilt at its present location.

There are two additional projects that have been proposed and are under consideration. They have not been funded and an extension of the SPLOST will be required to realize them. The vote will occur March 19th, in a county-wide election. They are:

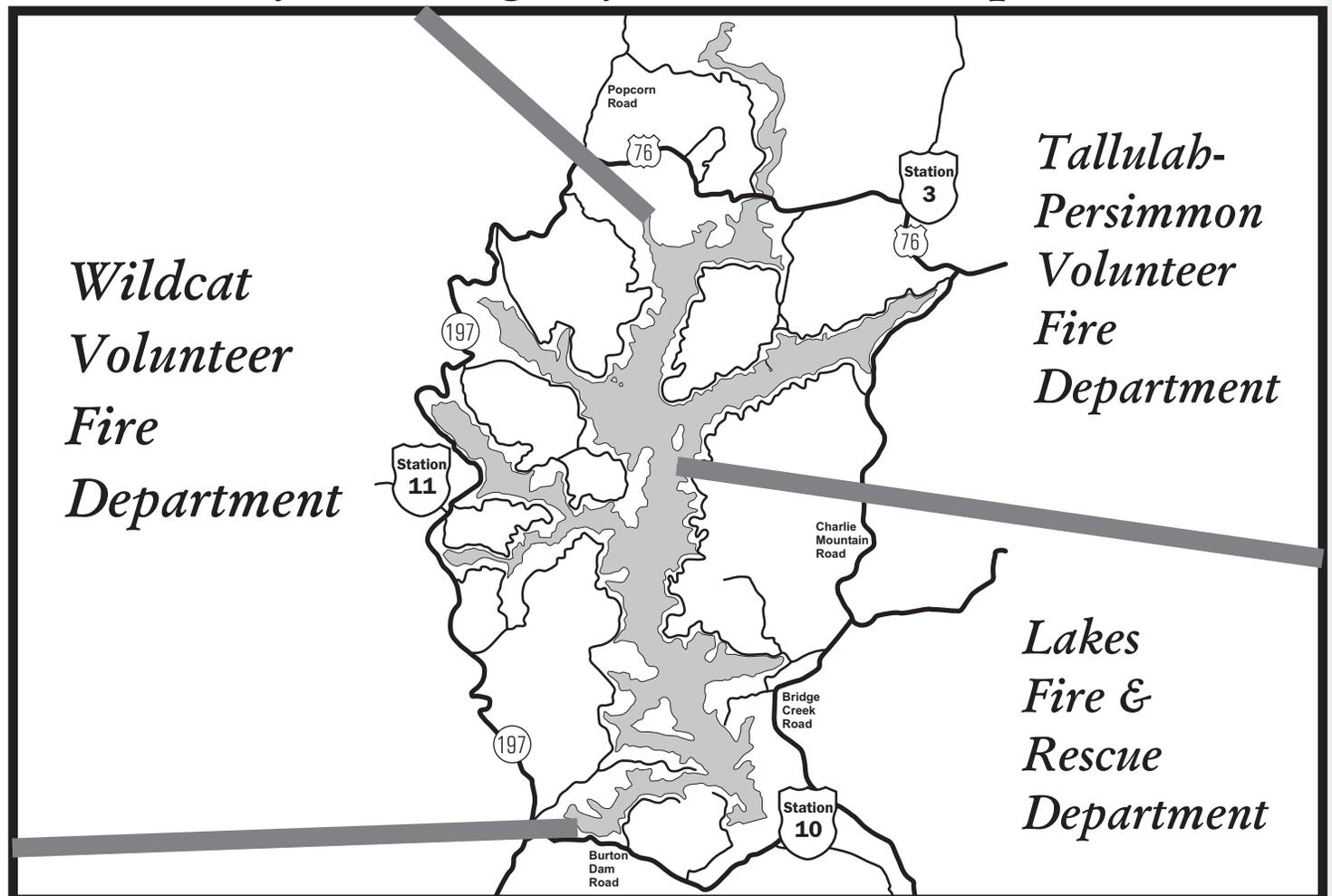
Lakes Fire and Rescue Department (LFRD) – Georgia Power has agreed to lease land at the head of Seed Lake on Burton Dam Road, approximately one quarter of a mile from LFRD's present

location, to the county to relocate the station currently housed at Mountain Patrol. The county has agreed to pay for the grading of this property but additional funds will need to be allocated to complete the building.

Flat Creek/Crow Creek – A resident of Seed Lake has offered to donate land at this intersection for the location of a substation of the LFRD station. This is intended to lower the ISO rating for residents in this area which will reduce the cost of homeowners insurance.

The County Fire Committee is responsible for the approval of budgets for the county's twelve fire stations and for ensuring policy is followed by the volunteer leadership of these stations. It is composed of five people: the fire administrator, two firemen appointed by the county commissioners, and two area businessmen voted on by the firemen. The fire administrator is a paid position, selected by the fire chiefs with approval of the county commissioners.

Areas of Coverage by Local Fire Departments





Boating Safety

by Michelle Bramlett

As we approach spring, it is time to focus again on boating safety. Please review these rules and share them with the rest of your family and guests. You can visit DNR's web site for more information at www.georgiawildlife.com/boating/regulations.

- Every passenger in a boat should have a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device or life vest. There must also be an approved throwable device on board. Children under 10 years of age must wear a life vest while riding in a boat.
- Boats and personal watercraft (PWCs) operating above idle speed must keep 100 feet from any dock, boat, or swimmer. "Idle speed" means operating your boat or PWC at the slowest speed at which it is still possible to maintain steering control.
- Navigational lights (both bow and stern) must be used after sundown. Check your lights before it gets dark and keep extra bulbs and a screwdriver with you to make any emergency repairs.
- No PWC (jet ski, Sea Doo, etc.) is allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise. All boats and PWCs should keep to the starboard (right of center) on the lake. It is the boat operator's responsibility to know the "Rules of the Road" for boat traffic. You can visit www.goboatgeorgia.com to find out about online boating safety classes or classes offered in your area. Children under 12 years of age may not operate a PWC or a "Class A" boat. Please check with DNR for age requirements. You must have a capable observer or a wide angle rearview mirror when towing a skier in a boat. It is illegal for boats or PWCs to tow skiers, wakeboarders, or any device of this type between sunset and sunrise.
- Every PWC towing a person on water skis, or a similar device must be rated by the manufacturer to carry three or more persons and must have onboard, in addition to the PWC operator, a person capable of observing the towed persons at all times. A wide-angle mirror may not be used in place of an observer on a PWC.

Thanks to Mountain Patrol for permission to reprint these boating rules compiled from the DNR website.

LBCA Calendar For 2013

March 30, 2013	Barbeque Fund-Raiser at Tallulah-Persimmon Fire Station
May 17, 2013	Lake Burton Cleanup Day
May 19, 2013	Spring Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2013	Boating Safety Course
June 15, 2013	Annual Membership Meeting, Dinner, & Bluegrass Party
July 4, 2013	3rd Annual Earl Patton Duck Tape Regatta
July 5, 2013	Lake Burton Fun Run 2013
July 6, 2013	Fourth of July Fireworks
July 13, 2013	Fried Chicken Fund-Raiser at Wildcat Fire Station
August 2, 2013	22nd Annual LBCA Golf Tournament (Kingwood Country Club)
October 20, 2013	Fall Board of Directors Meeting

For additional information regarding these events, please visit the LBCA web site: www.lbca.net.
You may also download a printable Lake Burton event calendar from the site.