



APERI Update

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Alabama Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative

The mission of the Alabama Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative (APERI) is to advance the ability of Alabama First Responders to recognize, manage, and mitigate a pipeline incident through improved training, communication, and cooperation with Pipeline Operators.

- ✓ Enhance responders understanding of pipeline risks and hazards
- ✓ Strengthen relationships through engagement in interest of public safety
- ✓ More effective way for operators to meet the intent of public awareness and liaison requirements



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The Value of Membership

Emergency Plans - 192.615

- Maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials

Public Awareness - 192.616

- Pipeline safety and emergency education to emergency officials and public officials

Documentation

- Training Information
- Class Sign-In Sheets
- Contact Information
- Survey Data
- Agency Capabilities



The Value of Membership

APERI Home History Companies Contacts Vault Reports Meeting Checklist Surveys search

Company 452006 Details

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Company Information

Company Name:	AUBURN FIRE DIVISION	Website:	https://www.auburnalabama.org/
Prox to Pipe:	NFIRS: 04301	OM:	
Tier:	7	District:	
Company Type:	Emergency Responder	Line Status:	
E-911/Communications:	<input type="checkbox"/>	SIC Code:	
Department Type:	Career	SIC Code Description:	
Capabilities Survey:	2021		

Primary Contact Information

First Name:	John	Last Name:	Lankford IV
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Additional Phone:	3343219889	Fax:	
24-Hour Emergency #:			

Activity

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Author: Data Admin (Company)	Type: Survey	Posted: 09/23/2021 10:26 AM
2021 Capabilities Survey		
Author: Data Admin (Company)	Type: Attended Meeting	Posted: 09/22/2021 1:54 PM
Department attended Auburn Fire Division, APERI meeting on September 22, 2021		
Author: Data Admin (Company)	Type: Attended Meeting	Posted: 09/21/2021 1:54 PM
Department attended Auburn Fire Division, APERI meeting on September 21, 2021		
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Department attended Auburn Fire Division, APERI meeting on September 20, 2021		

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Benefits to Emergency Responders

Training delivered to the "first in" emergency responder which meets annual training requirements

Training developed by Emergency Responders and Pipeline Operators

Training given by Emergency Responders

Local Pipeline Operators give information specific to the response area increasing knowledge and building relationships



Alabama Pipeline Safety

APACT

Damage Prevention

Pipeline Awareness

APERI

Emergency Response

Training

Pipeline Safety

Working Together



Training Update

Training Began July 2021

24 classes

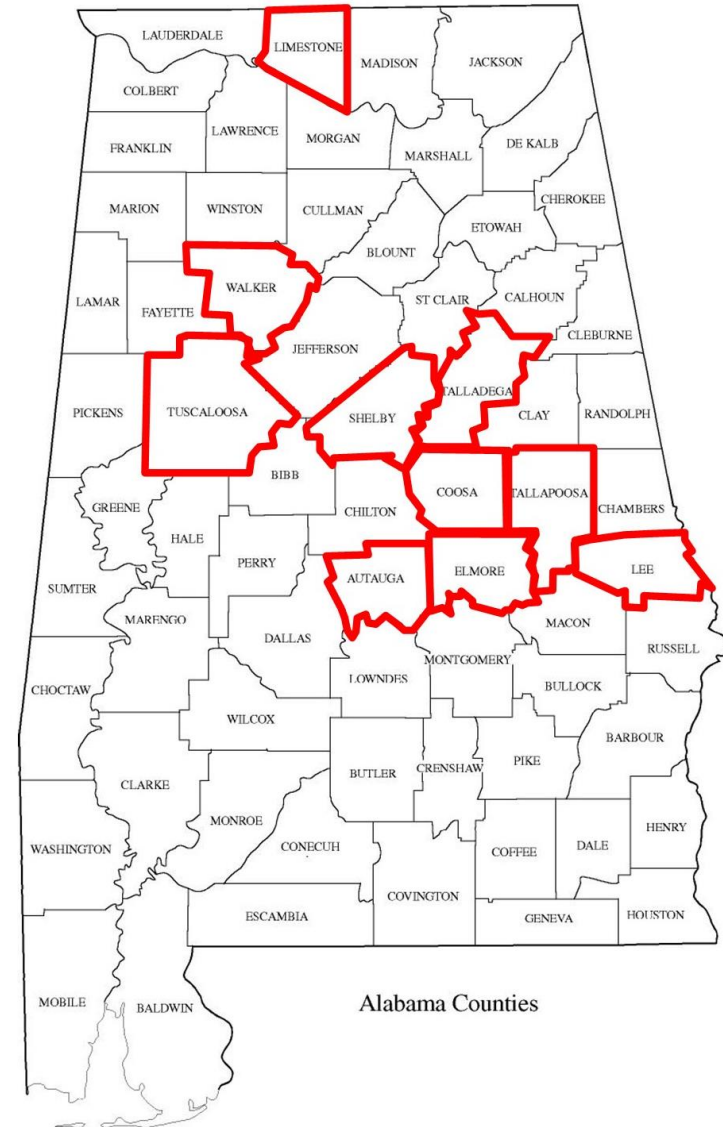
400 first responders from 86 different agencies including

- Firefighters
- Law Enforcement Officers
- State Fire Marshalls Office
- Hazmat Units
- Special Operation/Technical Rescue Units
- Medical Transport

Training

Instructors

- 1 in North
- 2 in Middle
- Looking for 1 in South



Emergency Responder Feedback

“We have never had training on pipelines before”

“We had no idea how to respond to an incident involving a pipeline”

“Excellent Training information and with pipeline experts to answer questions”



Operator Feedback

“I attended a meeting in Tuscaloosa and was impressed by the content presented by Don. The 1st responders in attendance paid attention and asked excellent questions during and after the presentation and were very appreciative of the efforts that were being made.”

--Liquid Operator



Operator Feedback

“What jumped out at me as I went through the class with Don, is that it is designed for firefighters and delivered by firefighters. Having said that, the operator input and opportunity to get to know and be asked questions by your local fire departments is tremendously important from an operator's perspective. If there is an APERI class going on in an operator's service area, they really should want to be a part of it.”

--Distribution Operator



Operator Feedback

“This is a great way to comply with the training and documentation of training for following code 192.615 section C. I know from experience that once you establish this relationship, and the emergency happens if everyone knows what’s expected of them it makes things much easier on everyone involved. It is also a great way to document supplemental training for 192.616 public awareness. APERI in my opinion is defiantly worth the money they will spend for the training that is involved. I am very excited to see this much needed APERI program in our state and look forward to many years of training to the fire industry.”

--Distribution Operator



Working Together

**SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY**

Not just a pipeline operator's problem
Not just an emergency responder's problem
We ALL assume responsibility



Investment

Distribution Operators

	NUMBER OF SERVICE LINES	COST PER TIER
Tier 1	0 - 499	\$ 200.00
Tier 2	500 - 1499	\$ 300.00
Tier 3	1500 - 2499	\$ 450.00
Tier 4	2500 - 4999	\$ 600.00
Tier 5	5000 - 9999	\$ 750.00
Tier 6	10000 - 19999	\$ 900.00
Tier 7	20000 - 39999	\$ 1,100.00
Tier 8	40000 - 79999	\$ 1,500.00
Tier 9	80000 - 159999	\$ 1,850.00
Tier 10	160000 +	\$ 2,100.00

Transmission & Liquid Operators

APACT Members: \$500 per County

Non-APACT Members: \$700 per County

***APACT Members receive a \$100 discount**



Becoming a Member

<https://www.alabamafirecollege.org/courses-training/aperi/>

A screenshot of the Alabama Fire College website. The top left corner features the Alabama Fire College logo with the text "ALABAMA FIRE COLLEGE" and "est. 1936". To the right of the logo is a red button labeled "FIND A COURSE" and a search bar with the word "SEARCH" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue banner contains the text "A PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP TO IMPROVE PIPELINE SAFETY IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA". The main heading is "Alabama Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative" in large white font. Below the heading is a paragraph of text: "Major Pipeline Emergencies are High Risk/Low Frequency. However, there have been several large events in our state over the last few years. All of us, including the Operator and Emergency Responder, need to be prepared. Incidents are often worsened by Emergency Responder involvement instead of being neutralized. Contributing factors to this include a lack of training, a lack of initial education, a lack of experience, and a rise in false alarm calls." Below the paragraph is a line of text: "Need more info or would you like to schedule training? [Email us!](#)". At the bottom, there are two red buttons: "APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE" and "PRINTABLE MEMBERSHIP FORM". A large, semi-transparent APERI logo is overlaid on the right side of the page.



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