



# AirPrime Testimonial

Brierfield Fire & Rescue  
Sept 14, 2016  
Colonial Pipeline Incident

**On Sept 14, 2016 Brierfield Fire & Rescue** was summoned to provide rural water supply to the Pelham Fire Department. Pelham FD was the lead fire department on a major gasoline leak on a Colonial transmission pipeline in Shelby County, Alabama. Many thousands of gallons of gasoline had leaked from the 36" pipeline and were fortunately captured in a retention pond located close to the leak.

Massive amounts of water were needed to supply the engine from Pelham to saturate the area around the leak with firefighting foam, so that Colonial Pipeline could safely locate, contain and repair the leak.

Fortunately there was another retention pond close by that was not contaminated.

Brierfield Engine 203 was needed to draft from this pond and supply water to the Pelham engine. This operation took place over a 3-week period, during an extreme drought situation. We were faced with a high static lift and the situation became even more challenging as the water level of the pond continued to drop.

Had it not been for the Trident Automatic Air Primer on Brierfield Engine 203, I seriously doubt we could have completed the extended drafting operations. I honestly believe we would have burned up a conventional rotary vane primer with the drafting operations. We were able to establish and maintain the prime thru our dual 6" intake hoses.

It was great!!

We have also used the automatic air primer extensively in our rural water supply operations and annual training with Gotbigwater.com. I can't say enough good things about this primer, and we are currently planning to replace conventional rotary vane primers on each of our other two pumps.

Our fire department mechanic had previously retrofitted the Trident Automatic Air Primer in-house without any major issues.

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