COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator Steve Rapson
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 27, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of the promotion of Fire Chief David Scarbrough and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Bartlett.

Background/History/Details:

Please see attached supporting document.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the promotion of Fire Chief David Scarbrough and Deputy Fire Chief Tom Bartlett.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	No

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

In 1994 Fayette County consolidated the Fire & EMS Department in with 911 Communications, Animal Control, and the Marshal's Office to form the Division of Public Safety. This Division joined other County divisions already in place. The Division Head served both as the Director of Public Safety as well as County Fire Chief.

Fayette County has restructured this division and a new County Fire Chief position was opened.

David J. Scarbrough was appointed as Interim Fire Chief during this transition period and will now be confirmed as the permanent chief.

He began service in 1986 as a Firefighter, and was the Fire Marshal and director of the Fayette County Bureau of Fire Prevention prior to this promotion.

In his capacity as the County Fire Marshal for 18 years, he was the lead investigator in determining the cause and origin of fires, especially in suspected cases of arson. His other responsibilities included fire education, enforcement of all County related fire ordinances, the review and approval of building plans, life safety code enforcement and outdoor burning regulations. Chief Scarbrough is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators, the Georgia Fire Investigators Association and holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Georgia.

Deputy Chief Tom Bartlett served as the Deputy Director of Public Safety and Deputy Fire Chief. As with Chief Scarbrough with the restructuring of the Division the position of Deputy Fire Chief was created. He has served with Chief Scarbrough as Interim Deputy Chief and will now be recommended for permanent status.

Deputy Chief Bartlett started his career in 1981 as a volunteer firefighter. In January of 1981 the County hired the first two paid firefighters, Chief Bartlett was one of the original two and assigned to Station #4. Chief Bartlett was promoted to Lieutenant along with six others in the first promotional exam administered by the county. In addition to serving as a Firefighter and Station Officer, Chief Bartlett has served as Captain and Battalion Chief in charge of fire training.

Chief Bartlett is certified through the National Professional Qualifications System as a Fire Instructor and Fire Officer 4. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer Program and is recognized as a Chief Fire Officer by the Commission on Professional Credentialing. He is a graduate of DeKalb College with an Associate's Degree in Fire Science, a graduate of Shorter College with a Bachelor's Degree in Management, and a graduate of Columbus State College Law Enforcement Command College with a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is both a State of Georgia and Nationally Registered Paramedic.

Chief Bartlett is a member of the International Association of Fire Chief's, a member of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors, a member of the Safety Officers Association, and a member of the Metro Atlanta Fire Chief's. He attends Brooks United Methodist Church and resides in south Fayette County with his spouse Lee Ann and daughter Alexandra.