COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown / David Neibes
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe as the "American Legion Firefighter of the Year".

Background/History/Details:

Russell began his career with the Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services in August 1988. Russell has shown incredible loyalty and dedication by serving for over 24 years as a Firefighter for Fayette County. He currently holds the rank of Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) and is assigned to Station 2.

On January 31, 2011, Russell went to work out at World Gym in Peachtree City. As Russell was about ten minutes into his workout, he heard an unusual noise and immediately went to see what it was. An elderly gentleman had fallen off an exercise bike. Russell assessed the gentleman and quickly realized he was in cardiac arrest. Russell yelled for someone to call 911 and started chest compressions. Two people arrived to offer assistance. One was a nurse and the other was a Firefighter/EMT from Sandy Springs. Russell directed the nurse to take over compressions and the firefighter to perform ventilations. Russell shocked him once, then another time. The gentleman then opened his eyes and looked at Russell after the second shock. Russell asked his name and he was alert enough to tell him.

Russell was selected by his peers at the American Legion Post 105 of Fayetteville, Georgia for the state award. Chairman Brown and American Legion 105 Post Commander David Neibes will recognize Mr. Russell Sharpe.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Presentation of award to Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe.

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?	Yes

**** 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:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 105
FAYETTEVILLE, GEORGIA

Public Safety Recognition Awards Program
Nominee Information

Year: 2012

Department: Fayette County Fire & Emergency Services **Chief:** David J. Scarbrough

THIS YEAR'S NOMINEE: Steven R. Sharpe (Russell)

Position: Firefighter/Fire Apparatus Operator

Number of Years in Public Safety Field: 23 **With your Department**: 23

If married, spouse's name: _____

If children, what are their names and ages? [redacted] _____

Do you know of any special interests this person has personally, such as being active in civic, church or charity organizations?

Member of Crossroads Church in Newnan, Georgia

Any particular hobbies or leisure activities?

Sports, especially bowling, hiking, fishing, and family activities

Special awards/Certifications/Accomplishments

Firefighter of the Year and was selected by his peers and is a great representative of the department and its personnel.

Why do you think this individual is worthy of our/public recognition? (If more space is needed, please use the back.)

On January 31, 2011, Russell went to workout at World Gym in Peachtree City. He noticed a cabinet door with the initials AED on it. About ten minutes later, Russell was into his workout when he heard an unusual noise. He immediately went over to see what it was. An elderly gentleman had fallen off an exercise bike. Russell realized shortly after he assessed him that he was in cardiac arrest. Russell yelled for someone to call 911, and he started chest compressions. Two people arrived to offer assistance. One was a nurse and the other was a Firefighter/ EMT from Sandy Springs. Russell directed the nurse to take over compressions and the firefighter to perform ventilation. He yelled for the AED. Russell shocked him once, then another time. The gentleman then opened his eyes and looked at Russell after the second shock. Russell asked his name and he was alert enough told him. He is 73-years-old, had 5 blockages and has since had surgery to correct them with no heart damage. It has been over a year and Russell says he is doing great and he still sees him at the gym often.