COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Board of Commissioners
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 29, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of Citizen Life Savings Awards and Fire Department Unit Citations.

Background/History/Details:

The Citizen Life Safety Award recognizes a citizen or group who has contributed in an exemplary manner to the public or the department.

The Unit Citation is awarded to any group of two or more fire department members who make up a company, sector, team, or employee work group that has performed in an outstanding manner worthy of recognition.

On June 29, Fire and Emergency Services units were dispatched to 130 Pelham Court based on an initial 911 call for possible drowning. As responding Battalion Chief Craig Woods pulled in the subdivision, he caught a glimpse out of the corner of his eye of a young boy running down a pathway flailing his arms. This pathway was nowhere near toe dispatched location. He observed a look of panic in the boy's eyes and knew the patient must be at this location. He pulled down the entrance to the pool area, saw others waiving him down, and instructed the boy to run back to the end of his driveway to notify other incoming units. He grabbed and AED from his vehicle and ran to the pool; finding an unresponsive girl who was not breathing. Two bystanders were performing CPR; one doing compressions and the other ventilations. Under direction, and with use of AED pads, the patient was shocked and immediately converted into cardiac rhythm. Squad 4, comprised of Lt. Stephen Teague and William Lay, and Medic 41 with Richard Ryckeley and Joshua Fraiser arrived on the scene performed other life saving measures, and successfully worked to save the girls life.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Presentation of Citizen Life Savings Awards to Chris Carter, Liz Wolka, John Wolka, and Tyson Bridges and Fire Department Unit Citations to Battalion Chief Craig Woods, Lt. Stephen Teague, Firefighter/EMTs William Lay and Joshua Frasier, and Firefighter/Paramedic Richard Ryckeley by the Board of Commissioners,

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:

Life Saving Award presented to: Chris Carter who pulled the child from the pool and assisted in CPR, Liz Wolka who performed CPR, John Wolka who performed CPR, and Tyson Bridges who flagged down Chief Woods and other responders. Fire Department Citation presented to: Battalion Chief Craig Woods, Lt. Stephen Teague, FF/ EMT William Lay; FF/EMT Joshua Frasier and FF/Paramedic Richard Ryckeley.

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To: Board of Commissioners

From: David J. Scarbrough, Fire Chief

CC: Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Thomas F. Bartlett, Deputy Fire Chief

Date: August 6, 2013

Subject: Presentation of Citizen Life Safety Awards and Fire Department Unit Citations

The Citizen Life Safety Award recognizes a citizen or group who has contributed in an exemplary manner to the public or the department.

The Unit Citation is awarded to any group of two or more fire department members who make up a company, sector, team, or employee work group that has performed in an outstanding manner worthy of recognition.

On June 29 at 4:14 p.m., Fire and Emergency Services units were dispatched to 130 Pelham Court based on an initial 911 call for possible drowning. As the responding Battalion Chief pulled in the subdivision, he caught a glimpse out of the corner of his eye of a young boy running down a pathway flailing his arms. This pathway was nowhere near the dispatched location. He observed a look of panic in his eyes and knew the patient must be at this location. He pulled down the entrance to the pool area there was a group of people waving him into the pool area. He instructed the young boy to run back to the end of the driveway to notify the other units of the location. He grabbed the AED from his unit and ran to the pool area where there was a young girl unresponsive and not breathing. Two bystanders were performing CPR; one was doing compressions, and the other ventilations. He instructed them to continue CPR because they were performing it correctly and effectively. He dried off the young girl and applied the AED pads. The citizens were instructed to stop CPR, the heart rhythm was analyzed on the machine, and a shock was advised and delivered. The patient was immediately converted into a cardiac rhythm. Squad 4 with Lt. Stephen Teague and William Lay and Medic 41 with Richard Ryckeley and Joshua Frasier arrived on the scene and started to perform other life saving measures. The patient was transported to Egleston Children's Hospital with three Paramedics in the back maintaining the patient's airway and monitoring her vital signs.

Key points that aided in this resuscitation were the early activation of 911, the young boy that knew to run to the road to get help, bystanders performing effective CPR and a response time of Fayette County units from dispatch time to shock delivery of 2 minutes and 35 seconds.

Patient: Ty'ana Bridges
Patient's Mother: Jennifer Bridges

Life Saving Award:
Chris Carter who pulled the child from the pool and assisted with CPR.
Liz Wolka who performed CPR.
John Wolka who performed CPR.
Tyson Bridges who flagged down Chief Woods and other responders.

Fire Department Unit Citation:
Battalion Chief Craig Woods
Lt. Stephen Teague
FF/EMT William Lay
FF/EMT Joshua Frasier
FF/ Paramedic Richard Ryckeley