COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire & Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 24, 2009	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of Fire and Emergency Services personnel in saving the life of a heart attack victim.

Background/History/Details:

On August 28, 2009, the crews of Medic 42 and Squad 4 responded to Wings and Things located at 389 Fayette Place to a report of a 40-year-old man complaining of chest pain. According to bystanders, patient passed out prior to EMS arrival. Upon arrival, the crew of Medic 42 along with the crew of Squad 4 found patient sitting on the floor of restaurant complaining of chest pain and pain radiating down the left arm. The patient, Mr. Todd Helmans, was asked on pain scale of 1-10 and stated his pain was a 9, said he had no cardiac history but did state he had some chest pain several nights prior. The crews immediately started Advanced Life Support protocols with cardiac monitor, oxygen, aspirin, and nitroglycerin. Readings showed that Mr. Helmans was having a cardiac event so the crew immediately transmitted the readings to Piedmont Atlanta and the Cardiac Cath Lab. Mr. Helmans was treated while in route to Piedmont Atlanta Hospital preparing him for catherization, which occurred at the hospital. The procedure was completed and the patient was in the cardiac unit all in a time of 55-60 minutes of first onset of the event.

Personnel to be recognized are Battalion Commander Larry Patrick, Captain Douglas Morris, FF/Paramedic Joseph Barnett, FF/EMT William Boemanns, FF/EMT Ronald Redman, and the City of Fayetteville Fire Department's crew of Engine 91.

Mr. Helmans and his family will be attending.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of these personnel.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	No

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

Staff Notes: