COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire & Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	M. Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 14, 2012	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Fire & EMS requests the Board of Commissioners recognize Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe as the 2012 Fayette County Firefighter of the Year and Firefighter / EMT Joshua Sisk with a Distinguished Service Award.

Background/History/Details:

Detailed information in memorandum to Board of Commissioners.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Presentation of plaques to these Firefighters.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

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	Yes		

Staff Notes:

To: Board of Commissioners

From: M. Allen McCullough, Fire Chief
Director of Public Safety

Date: May 18, 2012

Subject: Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe and Firefighter/EMT Joshua Sisk

Fire Apparatus Operator Russell Sharpe

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 23 years as a Firefighter for Fayette County. He currently holds the rank of Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) and is assigned to Station 8.

On January 31, 2011, Russell went to workout at World Gym in Peachtree City. 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 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 as the Firefighter of the Year for 2012.

Firefighter/EMT Joshua Sisk

Josh began his career with the Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services in April 2007. Josh has shown incredible loyalty and dedication to his co-workers and the citizens of Fayette County. He is currently assigned to Station 1.

Josh was recommended by Lt. Teague to receive a Distinguished Service Award. Josh brought the idea of starting the department sponsored program to assist with "Toys for Tots". With this program each station serves as a drop point for toys for the program. Each year Josh coordinates with the department Officers and PIO to promote the program and then coordinates the pickup with other volunteers. He gives a great deal of off duty time to ensure that this program is successful. Then each year on Christmas morning he assists with the delivery of toys to a needy family within the county. Since the start of this program three years ago hundreds of children have received toys as a result of his efforts.