COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, December 12, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of Division Chief and Emergency Management Director Pete Nelms of Fayette County's Public Safety Division for his work in meeting the incentive standards outlined in the Georgia Emergency Management Agency- Homeland Security Federal-State-Local Disaster Match Policy.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette County has met the incentive standards outlined in the Georgia Emergency Management Agency- Homeland Security Federal-State-Local Disaster Match Policy. Achieving this level of preparation qualifies Fayette County for a reduced local match requirement for Public Assistance programs subsequent to a major Presidential Disaster Declaration. As long as this status is maintained, the rate will be reduced by 2 1/2 percent.

This achievement was accomplished by many hours of hard work by Division Chief and Emergency Management Director Pete Nelms. The work included the development of four operational recovery plans, participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, the establishment and training of a local Preliminary Damage Assessment Team(s), completion of yearly standards as outlined in GEMA-HS Emergency Management Performance Grant Program, and the county's designation as a StormReady Community by the National Weather Service. Each of these plans, programs, and initiatives is very important and plays a critical role in a communities overall preparedness and ability to respond to and recover from a disaster or emergency.

The Board of Commissioners would like to recognize Pete Nelms for his work in meeting the incentive standards.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of Division Chief and Emergency Management Director Pete Nelms.

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

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

Staff Notes:

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October 23, 2013

Honorable Steve Brown
Chairman
Fayette County
Board of Commissioners
140 Stonewall Avenue, West
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Dear Commissioner Brown: STEVE

I am pleased to report that Fayette County has met the incentive standards outlined in the Georgia Emergency Management Agency-Homeland Security (GEMA-HS) Federal-State-Local Disaster Match Policy. Achieving this level of preparation qualifies your county for a reduced local match requirement for Public Assistance programs subsequent to a major Presidential Disaster Declaration. As long as this status is maintained, your rate will be reduced by 2½ percent.

This achievement was accomplished by many hours of hard work by your county's Emergency Management Agency Director, Pete Nelms. The work included the development of four operational recovery plans, participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, the establishment and training of a local Preliminary Damage Assessment Team(s), completion of yearly standards as outlined in GEMA-HS's Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) and the county's designation as a StormReady Community by the National Weather Service. Each of these plans, programs and initiatives is very important and plays a critical role in a community's overall preparedness and ability to respond to and recover from a disaster or emergency.

Please accept my personal congratulations as I know it takes the commitment of the Board of Commissioners and the investment of county resources to reach this high level of excellence. There are very few counties in Georgia that have satisfied these requirements. Thank you for your commitment to emergency management.

Sincerely,

Charley English

CE/LW
cc: Pete Nelms, Director
Fayette County Emergency
Management Agency
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