Presentation #5

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	David J. Scarbrough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, January 23, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of the Fayette County Faith Based Disaster Network Team Leaders.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Faith Based Disaster Network is a program that takes a unique approach of coordinating volunteers with the faith-based community before a disaster occurs. This approach positions the County to assist our citizens in post disaster recovery through a proactive planning prospective. By having trained volunteers that have expressed an interest in serving the community during its time of need and by training the volunteers in the discipline of their interests, the volunteers then may be deployed early into an event.

The Fayette County Faith Based Disaster Network Team Leaders are volunteers that lead the ten (10) Disaster Teams that have been developed to assist Fayette County Emergency Management and our community during the long-term recovery process of disasters.

The team leader's role is to recruit team members, coordinate team activities and assignments with the Emergency Management Agency, and work with public and private sector organizations in an effort to reduce the many hardships of a disaster within the community.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of the Fayette County Faith Based Disaster Network Team Leaders.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
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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:

Recognition of the following Faith-Based Team Leaders for their commitment to the Faith Based Network and Fayette County: Volunteer Management- Mary Brunso; Debris Cleanup- David Bowen; Damage Assessment- Mitch Bjugson; Points of Dispensing- Brad Clifton; Disaster Counseling- Judy Hames and Frank Mercer; Shelter Management- Peter Trebotte; Communications- Lynn Bianco; Donated Goods- Cathy Berggren; Animals in Disasters- Sharon Marchisello; and Special Skill Set- Alma McCallum.

Fayette County Faith-Based Disaster Network
Executive Summary of Objectives

Purpose

In 2012 the Fayette County Emergency Management Agency embarked on a new initiative called the Fayette County Faith-Based Disaster Network. The purpose of this initiative is to better coordinate the many individual volunteers and faith-based organizations that are willing to assist emergency management agencies and their community during times of disaster. Prior disaster events have convincingly demonstrated that faith-based volunteers are a valuable resource to help the community recover from a disaster incident in a variety of ways.

Faith-Based Network Objective

The Fayette County Emergency Management Agency conducted a comprehensive study of specific community needs during and after the four presidentially declared disasters that have affected Fayette County over the past 20 years. With input from the faith-based community, it was determined that the following 10 Volunteer Support Functions (VSF) should be established in order to provide coordination and to create an organizational platform for faith-based volunteers and agencies that are willing to assist during disasters.

- **Volunteer Management Teams**
- **Debris Cleanup Teams**
- **Damage Assessment Teams**
- **Points of Dispensing and Distribution Teams**
- **Disaster Counseling Teams**
- **Shelter Management Teams**
- **Communications Teams**
- **Donated Goods Management Team**
- **Animals in Disaster Team**
- **Special Skill Sets Team**

The various teams are trained and meet once per month at various churches throughout Fayette County. The training is free of charge and is advertised via email. To register for emails that advertise the activities, training and activation of the Network, send an email to Division Chief Pete Nelms at peten@fayettecountyga.gov and you will be added to the email distribution list.