Presentation #1

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 13, 2014	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation and acknowledgement of the first responders, state and local employees, and medical personnel who protected and provided for Fayette County's citizens during the January 28, 2014 snow storm.

Background/History/Details:

See supporting documentation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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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:

Chronology of Winter Weather Event

Pre Incident Meeting

On Monday, January 27,

At approximately 3 PM Fayette County Emergency Management Agency alerted the following emergency support functions that a pre incident winter storm meeting and webinar with the National Weather Service was going to be held.

ESF (Emergency Support Function)

ESF 2 Communications (911)
ESF3 Public Works (State DOT)
ESF 4 Fire and EMS
ESF 5 Emergency Management
ESF 7 Logistics
ESF 8 Medical Care/Public Health (Piedmont Fayette Hospital)
ESF 13 Law Enforcement
ESF 15 External Affairs (County Administration)
Fayette County Board of Education

The meeting was held to inform all response agencies of winter weather expectations and for planning purposes.

Tuesday January 28th 09:00

An additional planning meeting and webinar with the National Weather Service was held with the above ESF's on Tuesday at 09:00 Each ESF gave a summary of preparations, activities and coordination of the event. These included,

- Fire and Emergency Services added a squad and engine company to supplement the demand for services
- Fayette County Board of Education would close schools early
- Fayette County Public Works created 12 hour shifts to ensure staff would be available for sanding and road clearing
- The Emergency Operation Center was activated at a level II

- Consideration of early closing of government offices
- Piedmont Fayette's Command Center was activated to ensure the operational readiness and medical care
- Additional Law Enforcement personnel were called in to assist with the response

Tuesday, January 29th 12:30 pm

Heavy snow began to fall and it became apparent that road conditions were going deteriorate much quicker that previously expected. The decision was made to conduct an early dismissal of the school system and to recommend early closure of county and municipally governments.

During the operational period 12pm Tuesday till 08:00 am the situation was monitored and all ESF's were very busy handling a high call volume and coordinating the response of their respective departments.

ESF 2 Communications (911)

The 911 Center played an important role during the winter storm event response. The Center collected data on road conditions, fielded a large volume of calls and questions from the public.

ESF 3 Public Works/Road Department

The Public Works and the Road Department created 12 hour shift to ensure operational readiness. They were kept busy salting and sanding roadways and coordinate the Georgia Department of Transportation response to state highway issues

ESF 4 Fire, EMS, ESF 5 Emergency Management

Fire and Emergency Services was very busy responding to vehicle accidents most fortunately most being minor. The Departments headquarters command staff also coordinated response through activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

ESF 8 Medical Care/Public Health

Piedmont Fayette Hospital activated their Command Center to ensure the operation of the hospital and to coordinate hospital staffing

ESF 13 Law Enforcement

Law Enforcement was very busy responding to vehicle accidents, assist motorist calls and heavy traffic volumes from commuters trying to make their way home. The Sheriff's

Office was a valuable assist in getting school busses out of traffic and back on their routes to safely deliver children home.

ESF 15 External Affairs (County Administration)

Fayette County Administration was provided operational updates throughout the operational period. These included weather impacts, recommendation of early closings and future county government openings, road conditions and any additional problems related to the event.

Special Note: The Fayette County Board of Education their Transportation Department and especially the school bus drivers that delivered every single child home safely deserve special recognition despite dangerous road conditions As a result of their dedication and perseverance no child spent the night in a school shelter and was not injured

Call Volumes by Date Fire and Emergency Services

1-28-14 from 13:00 PM-20:18 PM

Medical Calls-6
Accidents-15
Fire Alarms-1
Assist Residents-1
Other-1

1-29-14 from 01:20 AM – 23:54 PM

Medical Calls-15
Accidents-0
Fire Alarms-2

1-30-14 from 01:30 AM- 22:41 PM

Medical Calls-22
Accidents-4
Assist Residents-10
Fire Alarms-3
Gas Leaks-1

1-31-14 from 04:21 AM- 05:46 AM- 08:00 AM ending of weather event department operating under normal weather conditions

Medical Calls-3

The Sheriff's Office responded to the following during this winter weather event.

01/28/2014 between 1:00PM and 6:00PM

Traffic Accidents-59
Injury Accidents-5
Entrapment-1
Assist Motorist-10
Abandoned Vehicles-3

Between 01/28/2014 1:00PM and 01/30/2014 6:00AM

Traffic Accidents-74
Injury Accidents-7
Entrapment-1
Assist Motorist-46
Abandoned Vehicles-5

There were several minor injuries to citizens as a result of vehicle accidents and no fatalities.