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TITLE:

Recognition of Lt. Dunn as Hometown Heroes award recipient, Relief Driver Steve Jordan as Firefighter of the Year, and Sergeant David Deshaies as Police Officer of the Year.

PURPOSE: The purpose is for the Board of Alderman to recognize the Hometown Heroes award recipient, Firefighter of the Year, and Police Officer of the Year.

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INFORMATION:

Lt. Ray Dunn

Hometown Heroes Award

Lt. Ray Dunn was nominated by his colleagues at Carrboro Fire-Rescue to be considered for the NC Emergency Chaplains Hometown Heroes award. He was selected by the NC Emergency Chaplains to be a recipient and was awarded this distinction at the Hometown Heroes banquet on Nov. 6. His nomination read as follows:

Lt. Dunn was nominated for his dedication to the department over the years. He has spent countless hours both on and off duty making sure the Carrboro fleet of apparatus stays response ready. He performs preventative maintenance and emergency maintenance on the apparatus, sometimes coming in when he is off duty. He has taken the time to mentor and coach our current driver / mechanic and still makes himself available when needed. Without his knowledge and skills, Carrboro Fire-Rescue would not be what we are today. He models our motto "Exceeding Expectations" and exhibits daily our core values: integrity, dedication, and excellence.

Lt. Dunn's dedication to the department, willingness to keep our apparatus response ready, and always performing his duties with a positive attitude makes him our nomination for hometown hero for Carrboro Fire-Rescue.

Relief Driver/Department Chaplain, Steve Jordan

Carrboro Fire-Rescue Firefighter of the Year

The firefighter of the year process for Carrboro Fire-Rescue begins with all personnel being given the

opportunity to nominate a colleague. Then a committee reviews the nominations and selects the person to be the Firefighter of the Year for the Department. This person is also honored at the annual Chamber of Commerce Salute to Community Heroes to be held December 8. The selection this year is Relief Driver Steve Jordan.

Steve Jordan is a relief driver for Carrboro Fire-Rescue. He has continuously accepted greater responsibilities and recently was promoted to relief driver. He also serves as department chaplain. Relief Driver Jordan is continuously a very dependable person who always presents a professional demeanor. He represents the department in a positive manner in everything he does. He models the department's core values of integrity, dedication, and excellence and has exceptional work ethics.

In his duties as chaplain, he takes the time to attend funerals and conduct hospital visits for the family of Carrboro Fire-Rescue. During times of emergencies he goes out of his way to reach out to the families affected and offer his assistance as chaplain.

Relief Driver Jordan is committed to safety making sure to operate apparatus in a safe manner so all personnel arrive to calls and return to the station. He takes the time to mentor and coach others, sharing his wealth of knowledge on the fire service and the Carrboro community.

FF Kreplak notes, "Relief Driver/Chaplain Jordan exemplifies the competency that reflects the highest standards of the fire service and regularly demonstrates the ability to lead or follow."

It is with great pride that the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department nominates Relief Driver / Chaplain Steve Jordan as our Firefighter of the Year 2016.

Sergeant David Deshaies

Carrboro Police Officer of the Year

The officer of the year process for the Carrboro Police Department consists of the command staff identifying the officer deserving of this annual distinction. The officer is noted as the Carrboro Police Officer of the Year and is also honored at the annual Chamber of Commerce Salute to Community Heroes to be held December 8.

Sergeant David Deshaies has been with the Carrboro Police Department for seven years. He started with the department in 2009 as a Patrol Officer and has worked on the patrol division, as a school resource officer and as a community services officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in October of this year and is currently assigned to the Community Services Division. Sgt. Deshaies has his Advanced Law Enforcement certification and is a member of the department's Critical Incident Unit. When not on duty, he enjoys spending time with his wife and their extended family. As a Sergeant with the Community Services Division, he develops and oversees a number of programs designed to strengthen ties between the Police Department and the community it serves. Sergeant Deshaies was instrumental in developing Carrboro's Citizen's Police Academy, the Coffee with a Cop initiative, building and maintaining the department's website and numerous other department activities. He is dedicated to creating positive contacts in the community and routinely interacts with citizens online using the department's various social media platforms. Sergeant Deshaies strives daily to further the mission, vision and values of the Town of Carrboro through proactive community policing. For exemplifying the ideals of the

Carrboro Police Department and his commitment to deliver compassionate community oriented service, we are proud to recognize Sergeant David Deshaies as the 2016 Carrboro Police Officer of the Year.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the BoA recognize these personnel as award recipients from their colleagues, the NC Emergency Chaplains, and the Chamber of Commerce.