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TITLE:

Firefighters honored for protecting American flag during Lake Lure Wildfires include CFRD Relief Driver Dylan Lowe.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to honor the CFRD personnel who were thanked on an ABC affiliate social media's site for protecting a NC woman's American flag during the Lake Lure Wildfires.

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INFORMATION: In November 2016, personnel from Carrboro Fire-Rescue joined many other fire and emergency services personnel from across the state to battle the Lake Lure wildfires. Relief Driver Dylan Lowe was specifically honored by one woman, Shannon Wilson, who posted to an ABC affiliate's social media site. Her posting received 209,000 likes and was shared over 90,000 times.

Her post read as follows: "Hi my name is Shannon Wilson and I live in Lake Lure NC. I have been evacuated for 7 days and was finally able to come home today. When I got home I wasn't expecting to see this. These amazing firefighters who have come from all over the world saved my house from the flames. Doing so..they took my flag down and off the flag pole.rolled it up and put it in my glass door so it wouldn't get burned by the fire. I just wanted to share this act of kindness with you. It made me have goosbumps the minute I realized what they did. I thought it would be a great news piece to share with the world. Even in the toughest times WE still respect the flag and who fought for us to wave that flag. Thank you!" [sic]

Relief Driver Lowe was recently honored at the American Legion Post by Marathon Jam for his actions.

Other CFRD members on the team with Relief Driver Lowe were: Lt. Scott Walker, Relief Driver Daniel Bass, and Firefighter Victoria Donahue.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: None.