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TITLE:

Awarding of Managing Officer Program Certificates

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to award Lt. Covington and Driver Downs their certificates for completion of the Managing Officer Program through the National Fire Academy.

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INFORMATION: The National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program is a multi-year curriculum that introduces emerging emergency services leaders to personal and professional skills in change management, risk reduction, and adaptive leadership. The program is a competitive program that begins with an application process and pre-course work. Participants then complete two years of study on the campus of the National Fire Academy. They then must complete a capstone project at the culmination of the program in order to satisfy all graduation requirements and award of certificates. Lt. Covington and Driver Downs have satisfied all the components. Their capstone project entails a culture change and policy change for Carrboro Fire-Rescue as it relates to cancer prevention for personnel. Firefighters are 3-5x more likely than the general public to be diagnosed with cancer due to the carcinogens in today's fires. Today's fires while they happen less frequently are more dangerous (synthetics release carcinogens). Their project practiced many of the skills learned in the program. Lt. Covington and Driver Downs are being awarded their Managing Officer Program certificates and designations.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation that the Board of Aldermen award Lt. Covington and Driver Downs the Managing Officer Program certificates and designations.