

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(6)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2006

**TITLE:** A Resolution Changing the Name of the Carrboro Fire Department to "Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department"

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Fire	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A: Resolution	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Fire Chief, Travis Crabtree - 918-7349

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Board of Aldermen adopt a resolution changing the name of the Carrboro Fire Department to Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department.

#### INFORMATION

The Carrboro Fire Department has been providing rescue services to the citizens of Carrboro and the South Orange Fire District since 1997. However, the fire department has not been officially recognized for the quality service that it has been providing. Under this name change, all that is necessary is to submit a form to the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squad & Emergency Medical Services, Inc. to verify that we had specific pieces of equipment on our fire engines or at the Carrboro fire station and that we had at least eight (8) first responders or emergency medical technicians (EMT).

The equipment has been at the department and used daily, since we started the program in 1997. All of our line firefighters are certified as first responder (14) or emergency medical technician (10).

The benefit of this name change is that if any member on the roster is injured in the line of duty, they will receive \$50,000 (this includes heart attack deaths) and if they are killed in the line of duty, their beneficiary will receive an additional \$100,000. Some other great benefits are disability income, additional health insurance, pension fund, scholarships (members, spouses and children), accidental death coverage when off-duty, dismemberments, NC Vision Health Plan 2000, monetary compensation for natural disasters and natural deaths. We are protecting our protectors, and most importantly, their families.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of the name change is none. There is no additional training or money that has to be awarded or allotted. Just file the proper paperwork.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution changing the name of the Carrboro Fire Department to Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department.

