

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 13, 2009

**TITLE: “Better Together In Action” Presentation**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Town-wide effort involving Fire, Management Services, Police, Public Works, Recreation and Parks	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: YES or NO <u>X</u></b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> None	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Joel Booker, Presentation Coordinator, Police Dept., 918-7410 Nancy Emslie, Strategy Group Leader, Mgmt. Svcs., 918-7306

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this agenda item is for Town staff to present to the Board of Aldermen how different departments work “Better Together” to create a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable environment for all people who participate in our events or take part of town activities.

### **INFORMATION:**

The Town of Carrboro engaged in a “Better Together” project in January 2006. Since the kick-off meeting in January 2006, staff has been working together with representatives from all divisions to develop a vision statement, goals and strategies for the Better Together Initiative.

One of the goals developed is to “promote mutual respect for and knowledge of roles of the board and staff.”

At a recent strategy group meeting we identified the desire to share with the Board about what we do and how our departments interact with each other. We believe that this presentation could help the Board have a better understanding of the challenges we face and better knowledge of our roles. There is a lot of back-room planning that goes on to make events and town activities appear to be a seamless operation.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this presentation.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Town staff hopes that the Board of Aldermen enjoys this presentation. Staff involved with the “Better Together In Action” had fun working together in developing this presentation for the Board.