

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 2008

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: William T. Luton, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Resolution for James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department

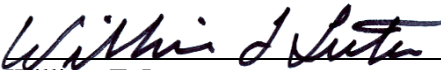
In 1948, a small group of citizens in the Stonehouse District of James City County realizing a need for local fire protection organized themselves into a volunteer fire department. The James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department continues that tradition today, 60 years later. The small volunteer fire department was the seed that evolved into the comprehensive fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency medical system that protects all citizens in James City County today.

The James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department continues to serve the residents of the upper end of the County. Their members contribute to the identity of this community every day, whether it is at their semi-annual fish fry, the farmers market, or just folks stopping by the firehouse for a visit. The members contribute thousands of hours of their time and energy every year so that the community can rest comfortably in the realization that they are well protected.

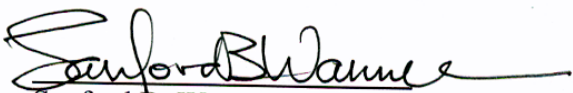
The members respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They often respond from their homes during the worst weather and in the most inhospitable conditions. They respond to vehicle accidents on the roadways, brush fires in the forests, and fires in or threatening our homes. They are there when we suffer medical illnesses and accidents tending to our immediate life-threatening needs.

The second week of October is National Fire Prevention Week each year, and the month of October is considered Fire Prevention Month. This time is set aside to contemplate and work towards community fire prevention in remembrance of the Great Fire in Chicago. It is fitting that we honor the 60 years of dedication, courage, and loyalty of the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department during this month of October, 2008.

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.


William T. Luton

CONCUR:


Sanford B. Wanner

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