



Board Meeting Agenda Abstract

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Location:

Agenda Item

Resolution - Fire Department - Fire Helmet Retirement Presentation - Battalion Chief William (Garland) Johnston and Fire Captain II Sam Golightly - (Jones) - Item 4.B

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider adopting a resolution awarding Battalion Chief William (Garland) Johnston and Fire Captain II Samuel Golightly their assigned structural fire helmets upon their retirement from the Town of Fuquay-Varina Fire Department.

Staff Comments

Effective September 1, 2026, Battalion Chief William (Garland) Johnston and Fire Captain II Samuel (Sam) Golightly will retire from the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department with over 30 and 26 years, respectively, of honorable and dedicated public service.

Battalion Chief Johnston's service includes over 25 years to the Town of Fuquay-Varina and Fire Captain Golightly's 26 years of service have all been with the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

As authorized by the State of North Carolina and at the discretion of the Local Governing Body, Battalion Chief William (Garland) Johnston and Fire Captain II Samuel Golightly are afforded the opportunity to receive their assigned structural fire helmet upon retiring from local government service. North Carolina General Statute 160A-294.1 states that the Governing Body of a municipal fire department may, in its discretion, award a retiring member upon his/her request their structural fire helmet. Battalion Chief Johnston and Captain Golightly have satisfied all the requirements and formally request they be awarded their structural fire helmets upon retirement.

The helmet requested for Battalion Chief Johnston is a white Cairns 1010 traditional-style fire helmet with serial number 14B211221A000.

The helmet requested for Fire Captain II Samuel Golightly is a red Cairns 1044 traditional-style fire helmet with serial number 72B211221A000.

Both helmets are at the end of their expected service life, and both firefighters have provided many years of dedicated service to the Town. For these reasons, management and staff recommend approval.

Fiscal Note

Yes

\$1.00 has been paid to the Town of Fuquay-Varina in exchange for Battalion Chief William (Garland) Johnston's fire helmet.

\$1.00 has been paid to the Town of Fuquay-Varina in exchange for Fire Captain II Samuel Golightly's fire helmet.

Recommendation

MOTION TO: Adopt the resolutions authorizing the award of the structural fire helmets to Battalion Chief William (Garland) Johnston and Fire Captain II Samuel Golightly in recognition of their retirement from the Town of Fuquay Varina Fire Department, as presented and recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

[GS_160A-294.1.pdf](#)

[Johnston Resolution.docx](#)

[Golightly Resolution.docx](#)