

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 1, 2007

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENTS 65TH ANNIVERSARY

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Department Day

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

MAYOR GOODMAN called forward RICK GRACIA, Acting Chief of the Fire and Rescue Department, to recognize the Department's 65th Anniversary. The Mayor gave praise to the Department for its quick response to a recent medical situation, wherein the life of a woman was saved. He then announced that the Fire and Rescue Department was formed in 1942, and it has done more than just extinguish fires. He summarized the department's wide-ranging duties, the fire education it provides, and noted that the department is the only public safety bomb squad in Southern Nevada. Under the leadership of CHIEF DAVID WASHINGTON and his team, the department achieved accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and a Class One rating from the Insurance Services Offices, Inc.

ACTING CHIEF GRACIA accepted the Proclamation declaring August 1, 2007, to be Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department Day. He noted that the City of Las Vegas was founded in 1905, and, one year later, a volunteer fire department was formed. It became a funded department in 1942 through an emergency loan from the State Board of Finance. Since then, it has become a very diverse department, with over 650 employees. The department is committed to serve the community. While the Mayor's comments about the emergency incident were a surprise, the response of the Station 9 crew to that incident was not. The performance described is done daily, sometimes with thanks and sometimes without any thanks. But no matter what, the staff of the Fire and Rescue Department is the best and worth every penny.