

## **AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 4, 2010**

**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

RECOGNITION OF THE TOUR OF DUTY CHARITY RUN

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for The Tour of Duty Run Day

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY welcomed a group of firefighters who will be participating in the Tour of Duty Run, which is a relay run across America to pay tribute and honor the victims and emergency service workers who gave their lives on September 11, 2001. The 31-day run will pass through the heartland of the United States and along the journey places of significance will be honored including the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Pentagon crash site memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and the site of the National September 11th Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center in New York City. W. L. J. CLINTON, the 42nd President of the United States, serves as an Honorary Member of the Tour of Duty Board of Directors, JERRY LEWIS is serving as the USA Patron of the run, and the Honorable JOHN HOWARD, former Australian Prime Minister, is serving as the Australian Patron of the run.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY invited to the podium two of the runners, ROBERT WILLS, Lieutenant, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and JAY WITTWER, Battalion Chief, North Las Vegas Fire Department. The Tour of Duty run begins on August 12, 2010 at 8:46 a.m. at the Santa Monica pier in California and on August 14, 2010, at 12:30 a.m. will be coming through the City of Las Vegas at the Fremont Street Experience. The run ends at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2010, at 8:46 to coincide with the exact time the first plane hit the Twin Towers.

BATTALION CHIEF WITTWER stated they were asked to join a group of Australian firefighters to be involved in the Tour of Duty Run. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) model was used in taking care of the logistic needs and events that will take place along the route. Many supporters around the country donated items to ensure that this event is a success. This is an opportunity for the entire team to honor those who lost their lives and to encourage family members of those who lost their lives. He introduced the United States and Australian runners who will be participating in the Tour of Duty Run, and presented the Councilmembers with the official T-shirt.

LIEUTENANT WILLS was honored to be part of 30-member team running and encouraged everyone to cheer the runners as they arrive at the Fremont Street Experience. The public can also visit the website, [tourdutyrun.com](http://tourdutyrun.com), for additional information. He thanked COUNCILMAN ANTHONY, the Mayor and Council for their support.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY recognized CHIEF AL GILLESPIE, North Las Vegas Fire Department, for his support and presented the team with a proclamation.