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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: J. Kevin Nalder, Director of Fire and Building Services
Date: June 19, 2014
Subject: IAFF Special Presentation to Mayor Walen

RECOMMENDATION

Council receives a special presentation from International Association of Firefighter's Local 2545 President Bryan Vadney and Vice President Seth Buchanan acknowledging Mayor Amy Walen's recent participation in Fire Ops 101.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Fire Ops 101 is an event hosted by the International Association of Firefighter's (IAFF) Local 2545 and the Washington Council of Firefighters inviting elected officials, senior city management and representatives of the media to spend a day participating in controlled training ground scenarios replicating functions performed by firefighters. The purpose of the event is to educate attendees about the "time critical, highly technical, and labor intensive" nature of the work performed by firefighters. The goal is to educate attendees through experience on the complex issues facing the fire service like staffing, adequate equipment, and presumptive health.

Mayor Amy Walen took time out of her busy personal and professional life and demanding schedule as a City of Kirkland elected official to attend Fire Ops 101 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center in Hanford, Washington on May 1-2, 2014. Mayor Walen spent a hands-on day as a first responder; fighting fires, performing search and rescue in smoky and no visibility atmosphere, pulling hose, extricating a patient from a vehicle, performing resuscitation and transporting a cardiac arrest patient, using heavy fire power tools, climbing a 100 foot aerial ladder up and over a parapet wall at the top. And she performed most of these tasks while wearing 75 lbs. of personal protective equipment on a balmy 95 degree day. Kirkland Firefighter Seth Buchanan shadowed Mayor Walen throughout the day's events. Captain Bryan Vadney and Fire Chief Nalder attended providing support during the day's events.

IAFF Local 2545 President Bryan Vadney and Vice President Seth Buchanan will present a slideshow overview of the day's events and present Mayor Walen with a keepsake in appreciation for attending the event and applaud her stamina and fortitude completing all nine of the scenarios at the training facility.