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TO: Samantha Abell, City Manager *SA*

FROM: Chief Ray Frair, Gautier Fire Department

DATE: April 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Request for Fire Marshal Charles Thornburg to Retain Badge and Name Plate Due to Retirement

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**REQUEST:**

The Gautier Fire Department requests that Fire Marshal Thornburg be allowed to retain his fire department badge and name plate due to his retirement effective May 10, 2013.

**BACKGROUND:**

Fire Marshal Thornburg became a member of the Gautier Fire Department on November 18, 1989. He has had a very productive and beneficial career with the Gautier Fire Department. He worked his way through the ranks as a firefighter, lieutenant, captain and finally was promoted to the rank Fire Marshal/Deputy Chief in the summer of 2010.

**DISCUSSION:**

During a previous City Manager's presence, a directive was given to the fire chief to personalize the badges for the fire chief and the fire marshal/deputy chief. Therefore, when the badges were ordered, Fire Marshal Thornburg's name was included on the badge. And it goes without saying that his name plate was also personalized.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Gautier Fire Department recommends Fire Marshal Thornburg be allowed to keep his badge and name plate because since these two items were personalized for Fire Marshal Thornburg they cannot be reissued to his successor and therefore they are of no value to the Gautier Fire Department.

The City Council may:

1. Approve this request; or
2. Disapprove this request.