

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 15, 2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading _____	<b>Legal Review:</b> N/A	<b>Work Plan #</b>	<b>Agenda Location:</b> Presentations	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 6A-2
<b>Subject:</b> A RESOLUTION HONORING THE GROUP OF 33 CITIZENS WHO GENEROUSLY VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE IN THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 12, 1956.					
<b>Prepared by:</b> Leonard Giuliano		<b>Approved by:</b> Jack Ethredge		<b>Ordinance previously introduced by:</b> _____	
<b>Reviewed by:</b> John Staley		<b>Presented by:</b> City Council			

**KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- This presentation is to honor the thirty three original Thornton Fire Department Volunteers for their efforts in establishing a fire service for the citizens of what would become the City of Thornton.
- In 1954, two years prior to the formal establishment of the City of Thornton, a group of volunteers organized themselves to ensure the safety of area residents.
- As residents, these 33 volunteers were deeply committed to their community and gave generously to ensure the safety of the citizens, operating out of their own homes and frequently out of their own pockets for countless hours.
- The volunteer firefighters sold fire extinguishers to residents in order to purchase their first fire truck, which was a 1937 Dodge.
- In 1956, the Thornton Fire Department Volunteers were asked to support the incorporation of the City of Thornton and turn over the organization to the new City. The Thornton Fire Department Volunteers joined the incorporated City of Thornton on October 12, 1956.
- The original Thornton Fire Department Volunteers include:

Gordie Adams	Ken Alles	Wilber Briggs	Bill Cronon	Clint Davis
Bob Dawson	Roy Deeming	Ken Freiberg	Ed Gilmore	Charlie Grimes
Harry Hayner	Gene Hayner	Richard Hicks	Al Hoops	Ali Jensen
Don Jones	Ted Klamann	John Knowles	Leonard Kujawski	Harvey Long
George Mitze	Carl Nelson	Rudy Salazar	Harry Salzman	Jim Scott
Carl Stanley	Doug Stevens	Vance Utterback	Jim Wellman	Al Weltman
Jim Willey	Bill Williams	Jack Winslett		

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution to recognize these citizens as the original members of the Thornton Fire Department. They will be presented with a plaque that will be permanently displayed at City Hall.

**HISTORY:**

- The land at Dorothy Boulevard and Nagel Drive was donated by Sam Hoffman for the first fire station and F & S Construction donated the building to be temporarily used as the fire station.

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE GROUP OF 33 CITIZENS WHO GENEROUSLY VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE IN THE CREATION OF THE CITY OF THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 12, 1956.

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to honor the original Thornton Fire Department Volunteers for their efforts in establishing a fire service for the citizens in a developing city; and

WHEREAS, the Thornton Fire Department Volunteers were established and operating in 1954 which was prior to the establishment of the City of Thornton; and

WHEREAS, the Thornton Fire Department Volunteers gave generously ensuring the safety of the citizens, operating out of their own homes and frequently out of their own pocket for countless hours prior to joining the incorporated City of Thornton on October 12, 1956; and

WHEREAS the City of Thornton Fire Department, built on the foundation of the original volunteers, has grown to be a 95 member organization answering over 7,800 calls for service annually and providing complete prevention and education programs to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council hereby honors the following original group of Thornton Fire Department Volunteers in creation of the City of Thornton Fire Department.

Gordie Adams	Ken Alles	Wilber Briggs	Bill Cronon
Clint Davis	Bob Dawson	Roy Deeming	Ken Freiberg
Ed Gilmore	CharlieGrimes	Harry Hayner	Gene Hayner
Richard Hicks	Al Hoops	Ali Jensen	Don Jones
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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Thornton, Colorado, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

CITY OF THORNTON, COLORADO

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Erik Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Nancy A. Vincent, City Clerk