

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: June 18, 2007

Agenda Item: 5 (B)	Prepared By: Michael D. Murphy, Fire-Rescue Chief Date: June 11, 2007
Agenda Section: Presentations:	
Subject: Employee of the Month	Department: Fire-Rescue

BACKGROUND:

The City is pleased to recognize outstanding contributions each month of valuable employees. The employee selected for the month of July is Driver Engineer/EMT Steve Fickling. Driver Engineer Fickling is a 23-year veteran of the Fire Rescue Service. In addition to his normal duties of responsibility for fire apparatus, Steve has taken on many additional responsibilities.

Driver Engineer Fickling volunteered to act as the Fire Department Liaison to our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Steve has played a vital role in both the establishment and the development of the team to its current 75 members. Steve attends their monthly meetings, provides a 6-week course for new members once a year and helps coordinate their training and associated activities.

Steve's attitude and his good-natured demeanor help facilitate an extremely positive working relationship between CERT team members, the department and the community at large. The value of the CERT team has been proven in a number of incidents including searches for children and their major role in pre and post Hurricane Wilma.

Recently Steve participated in a countywide CERT training operation held at Lely High School. His experience and expertise was highly praised by both the instructors and the participants.

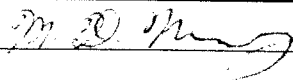
It is because of the effort of employees such as Driver Engineer Steve Fickling and his active participation with community members that the City wishes to recognize him and celebrate the valuable contributions of its outstanding employees.

In addition to the plaque recognizing Steve as the employee of the month, he will receive a paid day off and a reserved parking space at City Hall for the month of July.

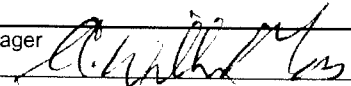
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Present Award

Reviewed by Department Director



Reviewed by City Manager



Council Action: Motion by:

Second by: