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Chief Bob Parnell Shares Logistics for Thursday's Services for the Two Fallen Salisbury Firefighters

Salisbury, NC_March 12, 2008 – Chief Bob Parnell, speaking on behalf of the City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department stated today, that the logistics for Thursday's services for the two fallen Salisbury Firefighters have been announced.

The procession for the two fallen Salisbury firefighters will commence from Lyerly's Funeral Home, 500 S. Main Street in Salisbury. Traveling North on South Main Street, the procession will travel to the square in Salisbury and turn left. Continuing on West Innes Street, the procession will continue to Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, Catawba College Campus, 2300 West Innes Street. Salisbury Fire Department and Millers Ferry Fire Department apparatus will participate in the procession and are to stage at the Salvation Army parking lot across from Lyerly Funeral Home.

Per Rowan County Emergency Services Director Frank Thomason, street closings include West Innes Street from the Statesville Blvd. to North Jake Alexander Blvd. Intersection. These roadways will be closed from 12 noon until 5 pm. Thomason shares, "The parking locations below will be filled to capacity in the order listed. Salisbury Police Department personnel will be on-scene to direct citizen traffic and there will be no parking allowed at the Catawba College Campus by non-public safety personnel. Handicapped parking for citizens will be available at the front of Keppel Auditorium. Citizens are advised to convey this information to police officers upon arrival to the campus."

Due to the magnitude of this event, public parking will be available off-site at the following parking lot locations: Food Lion Store #1, 123 Mahaley Avenue, The Ketner Center, corner of West Innes and Mahaley; Towne Pharmacy, 1408 West Innes Street; Milford Hills United Methodist Church, 1630 Statesville Blvd; Salisbury Mall, 1935 Jake Alexander Blvd. West and Rex TV and Appliances, 2045 Statesville Blvd. Citizens will be transported to and from remote parking locations via shuttle.

Thomason shares that due to limited available parking, visiting fire chiefs and officers have been asked to limit their apparatus to one unit per department. Designated parking areas for apparatus will be filled in the order of arrival and are as follows: 100-300 blocks of Hogan's Valley Way (off of the 2600 block of West Innes Street), the 2200 to 2300 blocks of West Innes Street (eastbound lane) from North Park Drive to Corriher Avenue, and the 2600 block of West Innes Street from Sells Road back to North Park Drive. Shuttle service will be provided to the Chapel. Marked Fire Department administrative vehicles will be parked in the east parking lot of

Keppel Auditorium. Overflow of additional administrative vehicles will be parked in designated remote lots as needed with transportation to and from the chapel provided.

Upon conclusion of the Chapel services, the motorcade will proceed west on Innes Street to Rowan Memorial Cemetery with fire apparatus falling into process in the order which vehicles parked and were filled. The procession will proceed west onto Innes Street onto US 601 and to E Ridge Road at Franklin; turning right onto E Ridge Road to Franklin Community Center Road; turning right on Franklin Community Center Road to rear entrance. The procession will proceed into Memorial Park as directed by lead vehicles with procession vehicles filling interior roads in the Park until filled. Additional apparatus and vehicles not able to enter the park will continue on Franklin Community Center Road to its intersection with US 601 and fill parking areas at Franklin Baptist Church, adjacent to the Park. Remaining apparatus and vehicles should line on Franklin Community Center Road, from Franklin Baptist Church back to E. Ridge Road.

The Graveside service for Firefighter Justin Monroe will offer a sermon by Trading Ford Baptist Church minister, Mike Motley. Bag pipes will sound "Amazing Grace", followed by "Taps", the national firefighter protocol. At this time, Monroe's American Flag will be presented to his family by Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell and Miller Ferry Fire Chief Bobby Fox. A benediction will follow with dismissal from the grave site.

Due to the overwhelming attendance anticipated for these services, two large screens will be made available at Keppel Auditorium. Approximately 1,450 citizens may view the services from this location. Channels 3, 9 and 14 have tentatively been identified as stations which may carry the live services at 2 pm on Thursday, March 13, as well as the Channel 14 Webcast.

For more information regarding these services, please visit the Lyerly Funeral Home online at www.lyerlyfuneralhome.com and at 704-633-9031.

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