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Salisbury Fire Department Arrives in New York to Attend Services for Fallen Firefighter Victor A. Isler

Salisbury, NC_March 15, 2008 – Chief Bob Parnell, speaking on behalf of the City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department stated at approximately 9:30 pm today, that Salisbury Firefighters have arrived in New York for the visitation and graveside services for fallen Salisbury firefighter Victor A. Isler.

Parnell shares, “We arrived in New York City (NYC) at approximately 6 pm this evening. New York City Fire Department Division Chief 8 and two FDNY Engine companies escorted our motorcade, through Stanton Island and Brooklyn as bridges and overpasses were filled to capacity with fire personnel and New York City residents, paying tribute to their fallen brother.”

Parnell continues, “Members of the Salisbury Fire Department (SFD) have been touched deeply by the outpouring of support we have already experienced this evening in New York. FDNY had placed their fire boat in the bay and as we drove by, streams of water projected from the boat, offered tribute to Victor A. Isler, formerly a FDNY medic and a Deer Park volunteer firefighter.” The Port Authority Police and the Nassau County Police Departments also provided escort services for Salisbury Fire Department.

“As we reached the other side of New York, the Island Park Fire Department Chief and Island Park Fire apparatus picked up and continued our (SFD) escort to Jordan Funeral Home in Island Park, NY,” said Parnell. “Upon arrival to the funeral home, we were honored to have the opportunity to spend time with the family of our brother and fellow-firefighter Victor Isler.” Following their departure from Jordan Funeral Parlor, 302 Long Beach Road, the SFD will be guests at a dinner hosted by the Deer Park Fire Department, at their station. Following dinner and a period of fellowship, the SFD will retire to their hotel for the evening.

Parnell shares that in addition to the approximately fifty Salisbury Fire Department personnel that have made the trip to New York, there are many fire personnel that remain in Salisbury, and that he would like to gratefully acknowledge. Chief Parnell commends, “Approximately thirty Salisbury firefighters, engineers, captains and battalion chiefs are back at work and on the job at the Salisbury Fire Department today. In addition, departments from Charlotte, Concord and High Point continue to support us by covering part of our shifts so that some of our members may be in attendance at Firefighter Isler’s services, both tomorrow and Monday. All members of our Salisbury Fire Department as well as members of the community have truly stepped forward during this time of loss and I am proud of the many selfless acts which they have offered to pay the proper respect, honor and tribute to our two fallen firefighters during this most difficult of

times.” Firefighter Justin Edward Monroe, age 19, perished with firefighter Isler during the March 7, 2008 morning fire at Salisbury Millwork.

Visitation for Salisbury Firefighter Victor A. Isler, will be held tomorrow, Sunday, March 16, 2008 at Christopher T. Jordan Funeral Home in Island Park, New York, at 2 pm. A graveside service will follow on March 17 at 10 a.m. The Monday morning service will be held at Charles Cemetery, E. Farmingdale, New York. Parnell has previously shared that New York fire departments and apparatus will participate in the procession to the cemetery for fallen firefighter Victor A. Isler.

Arrival in Salisbury is slated for Tuesday a.m., for the SFD delegate. To obtain additional information regarding the arrangements for Firefighter Victor A. Isler, please visit the Jordan Funeral Home website at www.jordanfh.com or contact the funeral home by phone at 516-431-2900.

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