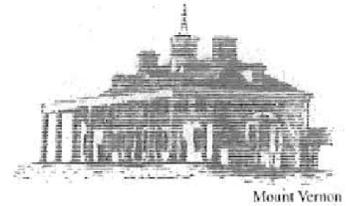




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Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for January 24, 2017**

For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Request to Recognize Mr. Troy Marshall and Mr. Joe Kelly**
- 2. Mount Vernon's 30th Annual Town Meeting**

1. Request to Recognize Mr. Troy Marshall and Mr. Joe Kelly

Background

The Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF-1), Fairfax County's urban search and rescue (USAR), was established in 1986 as a domestic and international disaster response resource. VATF-1 consists of approximately 200 specially trained career and volunteer fire and rescue personnel, with expertise in the rescue of victims from collapsed structures, following a natural or man-made catastrophic event.

There are two federal sponsoring agencies, the United States Agency for International Development and the Federal Emergency Management Agency that pay for all costs and expenses incurred by VATF-1 when members are activated or undergo training. All training, equipment, and personnel costs of VATF-1 are paid for by these agencies on a regular basis. Additionally, when firefighters and members are deployed, there is no loss in emergency response or service to Fairfax County residents, as minimum staffing for all apparatus is continuous for all fire and rescue stations. The training and expertise gained by working with our federal partners in times of local, regional, national and international disasters and emergencies enhances and improves the skill sets of firefighters and paramedics. The skills gained from this partnership provides a direct benefit to county residents by using these skills in making Fairfax County a safer and better place to live and work.

In October 2012, VATF-1 hosted a grand opening ceremony of the USAR Training Center—located at the former Lorton Youth Correction Facility (9900 Furnace Rd., Lorton, Virginia). Since that time, USAR Training Facility has been used by Fairfax County's Fire and Rescue Department and many other government agencies—local, state, and federal, as well as other jurisdictions and countries.

The gymnasium at the USAR Training Facility contains a collapsed building rescue simulator where hundreds of training exercises take place throughout the year, and after 15 years of service under the original 50+ year old roof, the roof finally needed to be replaced. Troy Marshall, a retired career firefighter with Fairfax County and owner of Marshall Roofing, Siding and Windows, was one of the three companies that placed a bid for the contract, but his proposal was for all the materials and labor to be donated free of charge. Troy was a career firefighter and he retired as a Captain with 25 years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County. Troy wanted to give back to the county, department and team for affording him a great career.

With the help from Joe Kelly, Regional Sales Representative at CertainTeed, who was able to convince CertainTeed to donate shingles, Troy and his team began the project on January 15, 2016, and completed the project on March 7, 2016. It took

a five-man crew a total of eight days, working nine hours a day to tear off shingles, repair and replace 150 sheets of plywood and re-shingle the gymnasium. In addition to the cost of the materials, a total of 360 hours were donated by Marshall Roofing, Siding and Windows to Fairfax County.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office Public Affairs to invite Mr. Troy Marshall, Mr. Joe Kelly and their staff, to come before the Board to be recognized for their incredible contribution to the County.

2. Mount Vernon's 30th Annual Town Meeting

Background

This year I am fortunate to have the opportunity to continue a Mount Vernon tradition established by my predecessor, the annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting. While Gerry Hyland began the annual Town Meeting back in 1988, he made sure the meeting wasn't about him. The Town Meeting is about informing the Mount Vernon community of what its government is doing for them, and even more importantly, listening to the people discuss and debate our future in an open forum. I am pleased the Chairman Sharon Bulova, County Executive Ed Long, Fort Belvoir Commander Colonel Hobbrook, School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders will join me. The meeting will take place on Super Bowl Saturday, February 4 at Mount Vernon High School, from 7:45 am - noon. I invite all my colleagues to join me there.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the Town Meeting on its various communications platforms.