SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 17, 2012

SUBJECT:

Firefighter Installation on Riverside County Engines (FIRE) Policy



RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board embrace the Fire Policy, that ensures that all Riverside County Engine Companies have as a minimum, a 3 person team consisting of:

- 1. Fire Captain;
- 2. Fire Apparatus Engineer;
- 3. Firefighter;

and wherever possible, included within one of these 3 descriptions, should be a firefighter that is an EMT or Paramedic, as well.

BACKGROUND:

Riverside County has always made public safety a top priority, even in these challenging economic times. We all have learned to do more with less, but cannot compromise on a minimum level of fire services that without, not only jeopardizes the health and safety of our constituents, but also, can jeopardize the safety of our valiant firefighters. In order to have a consistent level of expertise when responding to a medical or fire emergency, the County should have as a minimum staffing the formula referenced above.

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