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Chief Bob Parnell Shares Visitation and Graveside Service Schedule for Fallen Salisbury Firefighter Victor A. Isler

Salisbury Fire Department and City Representatives to Attend Fallen Firefighter Services in New York

Salisbury, NC_March 14, 2008 – Chief Bob Parnell, speaking on behalf of the City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department stated today, that the visitation and graveside service schedule for Salisbury fallen firefighter Victor A. Isler, has been confirmed.

Parnell shares, “Visitation for Salisbury Firefighter Victor A. Isler, will take place on Sunday, March 16, 2008 at Christopher T. Jordan Funeral Home, 302 Long Beach Road, Island Park, New York, at 2 pm. A graveside service will be held on Monday, March 17 at 10 a.m.” The morning service will be held at Charles Cemetery, E. Farmingdale, New York. Parnell shares, “New York fire departments and apparatus will participate in the procession of fallen firefighter Victor A. Isler, commencing from Jordan parlor to the cemetery.” Isler was a prior firefighter and medic with FDNY.

Chief Parnell continues, “Engine 343, a 51 Mack Fire Engine, will provide the caisson for firefighter Isler. A gift from the state of North Carolina, during the 9-11 crisis, the engine bears the number “343”, symbolic of the number of New York’s fallen firefighters during the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center tragedy. In respect and to honor their fallen brother, Salisbury firefighters will attend both services. Approximately fifty Salisbury firefighters will depart at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning for the 12 hour bus trip to New York. Chief’s vehicles will follow shortly thereafter.

Salisbury Fire Department Officers in attendance will be: Fire Chief Bob Parnell, Division Chief David Morris, Division Chief Bo Geter, Battalion Chief Chris Kepley and Fire Marshal Terry Smith. Attending Salisbury Fire Department Captains are: Captain Rick Fleming, Captain Tim Hurlocker, Captain Jay Baker, Captain Bobby Fox, Captain James Farley, Captain Wayne Harkey, Captain Cory Orbinson, Captain Mike Spry, Captain Mark Thompson, Captain Kenny Payne and Captain Doug Stevens (Chaplain). Salisbury Fire Department senior office assistant Tammy File and a host of Salisbury firefighters and engineers will also be in attendance. In addition, Salisbury Mayor Susan W. Klutz, City Manager Dave Treme and Public Information Officers, Karen Wilkinson (Salisbury) and Capt. Rob Brisley (Charlotte Fire Department) will make the trip to New York for visitation and grave side services.

Upon arrival to New York, the Salisbury firefighter troupe will be greeted by New York’s Deer Park Fire Department. The Deer Park Department will provide the evening meal for Salisbury

firefighters. Following attendance at the Sunday visitation and the Monday graveside service, Salisbury firefighters will tentatively depart for Salisbury that evening at approximately 8 pm. Arrival in Salisbury is slated for Tuesday a.m.

This information comes on the heels of a 2 pm press conference which took place today at Salisbury City Council Chambers, 217 S. Main Street, and delivered updated information into the joint investigation of the Salisbury Millwork fire which claimed the lives of two of Salisbury's bravest firefighters. Firefighter Justin Edward Monroe, age 19, also perished in the tragic incident which took place during the morning hours of March 7, 2008. The structure fire completely destroyed the approximate 118,000 square foot facility with an estimated 1.5 million in structural damages to the 1910 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. site.

To obtain additional arrangement information 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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