



Agenda Item Number: 2009-1-10A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: January 27, 2009

Department: Commission Staff Contact: Art De La Cruz, District 2

TITLE: Rededication of Bernalillo County Fire Station District 2

ACTION: Motion to approve Administrative Resolution AR **2009** rededicating Fire Station District 2 located at 1701 Arenal SW as the "Mark James Valdez Fire Station".

SUMMARY:

In 1998, Fire Station 2, located at 1136 Gatewood SW was named the "Mark James Valdez Fire Station" by the Board of County Commissioners. In February 2000, the Board approved the purchase 3.2310 acres to construct the new District 2 Fire Station which is now located at 1701 Arenal SW. Construction was completed in June 2002.

The Board would like to rededicate the new District 2 Fire Station in memory of Mark James Valdez. Mr. Valdez, born on November 17, 1952 was raised in the South Valley where he attended Rio Grande High School. Mr. Valdez's love for the fire service began at the young age of 14. He then volunteered with the Bernalillo County Fire department where he dedicated 23 years of service with much of that time in a volunteer capacity.

Mr. Valdez was Volunteer Fire Chief of District 2 from 1980 to 1984 and was the first paid firefighter in Bernalillo County. He contributed countless hours not only as a volunteer firefighter and Chief, but worked with the New Mexico Legislature to ensure that all Bernalillo County Firefighters had the best apparatus and equipment.

Mr. Valdez passed away on April 4, 1989. He will always be remembered and respected by the South Valley community, his fellow firefighters and for his many contributions to Bernalillo County.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Administrative Resolution AR **-2009**

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

I recommend Board approval. TL 1/21/2009

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

See Summary. Jdantis 1/20/2009

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Approved as to Form. JSL 1/20/2009