RESOLUTION 2010 - 12

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE NORTHEAST FIRE COLLABORATIVE FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND CONGRATULATING THE COLLABORATIVE FOR ITS RECOGNITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

WHEREAS, local governments are under tremendous pressure to reduce operating costs, cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions and demonstrate tangible results to heavily-burdened taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, past attempts to consolidate fire and emergency medical services in Ohio have had limited success because of the civic importance of these services to each independent community and because of differences in service levels among jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, following a tragic and substantial structure fire in 2007 which involved multiple jurisdictions responding to the incident and which involved several firefighters becoming injured as a result of interdepartmental coordination and communication barriers, the fire chiefs of the City of Blue Ash, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, the City of Sharonville and Sycamore Township formed the Northeast Fire Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the City of Mason joined the Northeast Fire Collaborative to enhance the overall resources and cooperation of the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Fire Collaborative was formed by first-class fire departments which shared similar approaches to staffing, fireground safety, operations and risk management. These jurisdictions are therefore able to respond to the public with the resources and efficiencies of one larger agency and yet maintain their identity; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Fire Collaborative was recognized as one of seven organizations nominated for the 2010 Fire Service Excellence Award at the International Fire Chiefs Association annual meeting held in Chicago in August.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio.

Section 1. That the Mason City Council commends the Mason Fire Department and its cooperating agencies in the Northeast Fire Collaborative for its leadership in interagency cooperation and modeling the future of fire services in Ohio.

Section 2. That City Council hereby directs the City Manager to send notice of the Northeast Fire Collaborative's achievements to date to the City's legislative delegation to remind our elected officials in Columbus of the efficiencies achieved by local governments and the importance of state assistance in making these direct serves to our shared constituents possible.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 13th day of September, 2010.

Donald R. Price
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council