

Rutherford County Board of Commissioners

Dear Chairman and Members of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, On behalf of the Rutherford County Fire Rescue Association, we respectfully submit this letter requesting permission to relocate the Fire Fighter Monument currently situated on the Rutherford County Courthouse lawn.

The Fire Fighter Monument was purchased by the Rutherford County Fire Rescue Association in 2004 and has been maintained, preserved, and cared for by the Association continuously since that time. The monument serves as an important tribute to the firefighters who have served and protected the citizens of Rutherford County, and its care has always been a responsibility we take with great pride and respect.

After careful consideration and planning, the Association has identified a new and permanent location for the monument on the campus of Isothermal Community College. This location has been thoughtfully selected due to its accessibility, visibility, and long-term suitability for honoring firefighters past, present, and future. The resting place for the monument at Isothermal Community College has been fully completed and prepared.

Relocating the monument to this site will also allow for future growth and continued recognition. The new location will provide the necessary space and structural capability to add new or additional names to the monument—an option that is not feasible at its current location. This ensures that the monument can continue to honor fallen and deserving firefighters for generations to come.

The Rutherford County Fire Rescue Association remains committed to overseeing the monument's care and maintenance following the relocation. We believe this move will enhance the monument's purpose while preserving its dignity and significance.

We respectfully request the Board's approval to proceed with relocating the Fire Fighter Monument from the courthouse lawn to Isothermal Community College. We would be happy to provide any additional information at the January meeting to discuss this request further.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of the fire service community in Rutherford County.

Respectfully submitted,
Rutherford County Fire Rescue Association.

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