

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** 4 June 2007

**SUBJECT:** Sidearm Request

**ATTACHMENTS:** North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2(a)

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the service sidearm of Detective Lieutenant Walter Harper be given to him in recognition of his retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Lieutenant Harper served the Sheriff's Office and the people of Henderson County for nearly 20 years. He joined the Sheriff's Office on August 31, 1987 as a patrol officer after serving as a law enforcement officer in Texas. Lieutenant Harper also worked as an investigator within the Violent Crimes Section of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, where he achieved the rank of Lieutenant.

Detective Lieutenant Harper's service to the people of Henderson County is greatly appreciated and will be remembered.

Sheriff Davis makes this request on behalf of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2(a).

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to allow Sheriff Rick Davis and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present retired Detective Lieutenant Walter Harper with his service sidearm at no charge. This will be done in recognition of his nearly 20 years of service to the citizens of Henderson County.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

I move the Board allow Sheriff Rick Davis to present this service sidearm as a token of appreciation to retired Detective Lieutenant Walter Harper.

**§ 20-187.2. Badges and service side arms of deceased or retiring members of State, city and county law-enforcement agencies; weapons of active members.**

(a) Surviving spouses, or in the event such members die unsurvived by a spouse, surviving children of members of North Carolina State, city and county law-enforcement agencies killed in the line of duty or who are members of such agencies at the time of their deaths, and retiring members of such agencies shall receive upon request and at no cost to them, the badge worn or carried by such deceased or retiring member. The governing body of a law-enforcement agency may, in its discretion, also award to a retiring member or surviving relatives as provided herein, upon request, the service side arm of such deceased or retiring members, at a price determined by such governing body, upon securing a permit as required by G.S. 14-402 et seq. or 14-409.1 et seq., or without such permit provided the weapon shall have been rendered incapable of being fired. Governing body shall mean for county and local alcohol beverage control officers, the county or local board of alcoholic control; for all other law-enforcement officers with jurisdiction limited to a municipality or town, the city or town council; for all other law-enforcement officers with countywide jurisdiction, the board of county commissioners; for all State law-enforcement officers, the head of the department.