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RE: Special Recognition of Jimmy Yon

Habersham County Emergency Services is proud to recognize one of our own, Mr. Jimmy Yon. Mr. Yon has served Habersham County since 1972 beginning his career in the fire service at Tallulah Falls fire department. He served in multiple rolls during his time at Tallulah Falls fire department from firefighter to fire chief. Mr. Yon also served as mayor of Tallulah falls for 6 years. He first came to Habersham as a young man from Athens attending the Tallulah Falls school. After schooling he moved on to a job working for Georgia power within the hydro plant maintenance and operation departments. He was drafted into the US army during the Vietnam War and served as a radio operator stationed in Germany. After the war, he returned home to his family and his job with Georgia power, retiring after 40 years with the company. He is married to Mrs. Martha Yon, who is also a public servant of Habersham County for many years including serving as Director of our 911 communications center. Jimmy and Martha have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Even at the young age of 82 years old Mr. Yon still serves as Habersham County Emergency services quartermaster. His role is crucial to maintaining our fleet of fire equipment, and anything else that may need a repair or upgrade.

The fireman's axe is one the earliest and most valuable firefighting tools. It has stood the test of time no matter what new tools or equipment come along you will always find a Fireman's axe on the truck.

Mr. Yon you have dedicated yourself to a lifetime of service so ON behalf of all of us at Habersham County emergency services we would like to present to you this axe. May this axe remind everyone who sees it what a life of courage, leadership, and commitment means. You are a true example of a servant leader, a Mentor and a friend. We thank you for everything you have done and continue to do.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Adams, Director/Chief
Habersham County Emergency Services