

## Information Item

**Date:** December 9, 2019

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager  
William L. Mayo, Fire Chief

**Subject:**

Recognition of the Winston-Salem Firefighter Combat Challenge Team for competing in the U.S. National Firefighter Combat Challenge and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual World Firefighter Combat Challenge

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



Members of the Winston-Salem Firefighter Combat Challenge Team will be recognized at the Public Safety Committee Meeting in December for competing in this year's U.S. National Firefighter Combat Challenge held October 4-5, 2019 in Fort Pierce, FL. Firefighter Ben Emert and Battalion Chief Chaz Browning finished as one of the Top 10 tandem teams in the Nation. Firefighter Emert also finished 4<sup>th</sup> place in the "Best of Dummy Drag" and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Best of Hose Drag" competitions. Firefighter Pat Davison finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the "Best of Hose Hoist" and 5<sup>th</sup> place in the "Best of Keiser Sled" competitions.

Placing in the Top 10, the Combat Challenge Team moved on to participate in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual World Firefighter Combat Challenge, October 21-26, 2019 held in Montgomery, AL. Captain Duane Cheek finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Over 60 Tandem," 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the "Over 60 Relay," and his relay finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the world. The department's relay team, featuring Firefighters Pat Davison and Jordan Luzwick, and Battalion Chief Browning, finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall in the world, and set a new North Carolina relay record time of 1:13.16. Firefighters Emert and Davison, with individual times under one minute, forty seconds, became the first WSFD "Lion's Den" inductees since 2002.

Our Firefighter Combat Challenge Team are to be commended for their positive representation of the City and the Winston-Salem Fire Department.