



GUILFORD COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Bruce Davis
FROM: Commissioner Billy Yow
DATE: January 13, 2005
SUBJECT: Proposed Merger of Fire Departments

I was very disappointed to see that once again members of this Board want to consider merging a county department with a city that cannot even get along with its neighboring city, High Point, which too is located in Guilford County. Although I would agree that we do need the County Volunteer Fire Departments to come together as one department instead of many separate entities, I am concerned that members of Greensboro City Council, such as Robbie Perkins and Tom Phillips, could possibly threaten county property owners by withholding fire service if these property owners have outdoor advertising like they have threatened those seeking water and sewer service. I feel that the citizens of rural Guilford County should have representation and protection from our own County Fire Service. Please consider my position on this issue at your retreat on January 29th as I will not be present at the retreat.

cc: Board of Commissioners