**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**ITEM NO.** 9.

**DATE OF MEETING:** 5/17/2010

**REQUESTED BY:** Charles R. "Tom" Collins, Director, Emergency Management

**SHORT TITLE:** Public Hearing on Merging Scotts Hill Fire District into Hampstead Fire and Rescue Department District.

**BACKGROUND:** The Scotts Hill area of Pender County is currently being serviced by the New Hanover County Fire Department. Concerned citizens that live in the Scotts Hill area have expressed the need to improve response time and achieve a lower insurance rate.

The citizens of Scotts Hill have worked with Hampstead Fire and Rescue to develop a solution which involves merging into the Hampstead Fire and Rescue District by adding a sub-station in the Scotts Hill District area. This solution will reduce the response times and reduce insurance rates for the residents of Scotts Hill.

David Lee of the Hampstead Fire and Rescue has prepared a short power point presentation regarding the proposal.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** No action is required by the Board of Commissioners at this time other than holding the public hearing.