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ITEM NO. 2.

DATE OF MEETING: October 15, 2012

REQUESTED BY: Amber Parker, Human Resources Director

SHORT TITLE: Presentation of Annual Safety Awards

BACKGROUND: The N.C. Department of Labor safety awards program recognizes private and public firms throughout the state that achieve and maintain good safety records. The program is designed to stimulate interest in accident prevention and to promote safety in the workplace by providing an incentive to employers and employees to maintain a safe and healthful workplace.

To qualify for an annual safety award, there must have been no fatalities during the calendar year and an incident rate at least 50 percent below the average for a particular group must be maintained. The gold award is based on the DART rate, which includes cases of days away from work, restricted job activity or job transfer.

N.C. Department of Labor Commissioner Cherie K. Berry has issued annual safety awards to the Pender County departments that met these criteria for calendar year 2011. Awards will be presented to eligible departments.