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City of Salisbury and Salisbury Fire Department Respond to OSHA Report Regarding March 7 Millwork Fire

Salisbury, NC_August 6, 2008 – The City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Fire Department announce the receipt of the official Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Division of the NC Department of Labor report with regards to the Salisbury Millwork Fire, at midday today.

Salisbury City Manager David W. Treme and Salisbury Fire Chief Bob Parnell are in the process of diligently reviewing the details of the sixteen page transmission which was received by City departments, via fax. Both City Manager Treme and Chief Parnell offer their respect for the OSHA division of the North Carolina Department of Labor and its findings and acknowledge the need to review the report in full, before issuing a statement.

The report acknowledges the implemented Incident Command System during the Salisbury Millwork Fire on March 7 and the delegation of management functions due to the magnitude of the incident. OSHA Compliance District Supervisor Paul M. Sullivan, CIH, notes, "It was clear that firefighter safety was the top priority at the fire as operations alternated between offensive and defensive base on conditions and frequent personnel accountability reports were taken.

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