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FORSYTH COUNTY VIDEO AND PUBLICATION
BOTH WIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

County communication tools spotlighted for excellence

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County 2008 State of the County video and the Forsyth County Fire Department 2007 Annual Report both won national honors in the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) 2009 Awards of Excellence Competition.

The 2008 State of the County video earned a Superior award in the audiovisual productions/DVD category. The Forsyth County Department of Communications prepares a State of the County video each year for the annual State of the Community event to showcase progress, projects and highlights from the past year. In December 2007, Forsyth County commemorated its 175th anniversary. To incorporate this historic milestone into the State of the County project, the county's namesake John Forsyth, portrayed by resident George Pirkle, hosted the 2008 video.

The Fire Department's 2007 Annual Report garnered an Excellence award in the annual reports category (magazine or newsletter format). The report is published each year to provide citizens an information resource about their Fire Department. The report includes fire station locations, maps of coverage areas, information about the divisions and operations of the department, details on the apparatus utilized by the department, and graphs and charts illustrating such statistics as call volume and average response time. The publication also highlights events and accomplishments from 2007, and illustrates the direction in which the department is going in the future. The Fire Department Annual Report is prepared jointly by the Forsyth County Fire Department and the Forsyth County Department of Communications.

NACIO is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Established in 1996, NACIO promotes effective communication between counties and citizens.

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