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**NATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PUBLICATION AND TELEVISION PROGRAM**

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) has recognized two Forsyth County government communications tools for excellence, through the 2013 NACIO Awards of Excellence Competition.

The Forsyth County Fire Department 2011 Annual Report was named ‘Best in Class’ in the competition’s annual reports category. The Fire Department Annual Report is an informational tool, providing key information about the department, as well as annual news, events and accomplishments. The publication is prepared jointly by the Fire Department and the Department of Communications. The Fire Department began publishing the annual report in 2005. The report can be viewed online from the Fire Department page at www.forsythco.com. Printed copies of the 2012 report are available at the Forsyth County Public Safety Complex, fire stations and the County Administration Building.

The county’s “Forsyth in Focus” television program received a ‘Meritorious’ award in the video or radio series category. “Forsyth in Focus” is a news magazine program produced by the Department of Communications. Each episode highlights the news and information of Forsyth County government to help residents stay informed about the advances and improvements within their community. “Forsyth in Focus” airs on TV Forsyth, Comcast channel 23, and can also be viewed online from the TV Forsyth page at www.forsythco.com.

“The awards competition continually showcases the best communications and public relations projects from public information professionals throughout the country,” said NACIO President Todd McGee, the public relations director for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. “I know the judges had a difficult time in

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selecting the winners, and that is a testament to the great work that is being done to help citizens better understand what county governments do."

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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