

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**HENDERSON COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Sidearm Request – Randy Stepp

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Letter from Sheriff Davis  
North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2(a)

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Sheriff's Office requests that the service sidearm of Officer Randy Stepp be given to him in recognition of his retirement from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Stepp has served the Sheriff's Office and the people of Henderson County for nearly 27 years. He began his career as a Dispatcher on June 15, 1981. On July 1, 1982 he transferred into a Deputy position and from that time until the present he has moved through the ranks from Deputy to Sergeant, K9 Officer, SERT Team, as well as Detective.

Officer Stepp's service to the people of Henderson County is greatly appreciated and will be remembered.

Sheriff Davis makes this request on behalf of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2(a).

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to allow Sheriff Rick Davis and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to present Officer Randy Stepp with his service sidearm at no charge.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move the Board allow Sheriff Rick Davis to present this service sidearm as a token of appreciation to Officer Randy Stepp.*

RICHARD W. DAVIS  
SHERIFF



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## HENDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

January 24, 2008

Bill Moyer, Chairman  
Henderson County Commissioners  
100 North King Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Reference: Randy Stepp - Sidearm

Dear Mr. Moyer,

Randall Earl Stepp is planning to retire from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office effective February 1, 2008. He began his career as a Dispatcher according to records on June 15, 1981. On July 1, 1982, Randy was transferred into a Deputy position and from that time until present, he has moved through the ranks from Deputy to Sergeant, K9 Officer, SERT team, as well as Detective. He has been instrumental in solving crimes through the years, to include missing or wanted persons with his exemplary tracking skills. The citizens of Henderson County have been well-served by Officer Randy Stepp through the many years of his self-sacrifice and dedication to this community. To honor him, I intend to present his service weapon upon retirement pursuant to G.S. 20-187.2.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick W. Davis".

Rick W. Davis  
Sheriff, Henderson County

RWD/dfw

**§ 20-187.2. Badges and service side arms of deceased or retiring members of State, city and county law-enforcement agencies; weapons of active members.**

(a) Surviving spouses, or in the event such members die unsurvived by a spouse, surviving children of members of North Carolina State, city and county law-enforcement agencies killed in the line of duty or who are members of such agencies at the time of their deaths, and retiring members of such agencies shall receive upon request and at no cost to them, the badge worn or carried by such deceased or retiring member. The governing body of a law-enforcement agency may, in its discretion, also award to a retiring member or surviving relatives as provided herein, upon request, the service side arm of such deceased or retiring members, at a price determined by such governing body, upon securing a permit as required by G.S. 14-402 et seq. or 14-409.1 et seq., or without such permit provided the weapon shall have been rendered incapable of being fired. Governing body shall mean for county and local alcohol beverage control officers, the county or local board of alcoholic control; for all other law-enforcement officers with jurisdiction limited to a municipality or town, the city or town council; for all other law-enforcement officers with countywide jurisdiction, the board of county commissioners; for all State law-enforcement officers, the head of the department.