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II. We're really proud of this achievement."

Firefighter II certification not only provides firefighters with the knowledge to use in the task of preserving life and property, it also pays dividends to county residents, the chief said.

Many of the grants that Union County Fire Department has applied for require that the members be trained and certified at Firefighter II levels.

By attaining this certification the department will have a much better chance of receiving these grants, Chief Worden said.

"A recent grant written to purchase an aerial ladder truck for Union County was rejected in part due to firefighters not having this level of certification," Chief Worden said.

ISO ratings that determine insurance rates for fire insurance levels for local ho-

meowners are affected by the number of Firefighter II personnel, the chief said.

"We want to congratulate all the firefighters who spent many hours studying and practicing for the hands-on part of this exam in addition to all of their other duties," Chief Worden said.

Union County firefighters who achieved Firefighter II certification are Capt. Richard Jones, Lt. Damon Hood, Lt. Jeff Fortenberry, Dustin

Lee, Bryan Long, Jonathan Fortenberry, Andrew Burnette, Kevin Smith, Will Barton, Ben Barnes, Brent Long, Patrick Schmidt, and David Ueltzen.

"And we'd like to thank Pro-Flame for providing a propane tank that was used in one of the practical evaluation rotations," Chief Worden said.

"We're proud of our team and all the help we get from the community," he said.

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rights to the water in Lake Sidney Lanier.

In July 2009 a federal judge ruled that Georgia's homes, businesses, and governments must stop using Lake Lanier for water by July 2012.

If the order is implemented, it has been estimated that it could cost Georgia's economy \$40 billion per year.

"This case is critical for Georgia in that it will have a substantial impact on our state for decades in terms of both sustainability and growth," Olens said. "I am committed to defending Georgia's right to its fair share of natural resources and am firmly convinced in the strength of our

case on appeal."

The Attorney General also touched on immigration, Internet gambling, and modifications to the synthetic marijuana laws.

"I would like to thank Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney Jeff Langley and local law enforcement for continuing to be on the front lines with each of these issues," Olens said.

Olens, though native to Miami, FL, was raised mainly in New Jersey.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from American University before admission to Atlanta's Emory University School of Law brought him to Georgia.

After graduating from law school in 1983, Olens worked for Ezor & Olens, P.C. He was elected to the Cobb County Commission in 1998, serving until 2010. He was the commission's chairman from 2002 to 2010.

Since 2004, he has served as the chair of the Atlanta Regional Commission.

He defeated former Dougherty County District Attorney Ken Hodges in the 2010 statewide election for Attorney General of Georgia.

Olens is the first person of the Jewish faith to win a statewide, partisan race in Georgia.

Meanwhile, the Eggs & Issues breakfast provided an

opportunity for locals to receive legislative updates and mingle with other state and local elected officials.

Chamber President Cindy Williams opened the event along with Boaz Media's Steve Preston before Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris stepped to the podium to welcome Olens.

Olens, a former Cobb County Commission chair, also spoke about the panoramic view of the mountains from the Community Center.

"Onmycommute, I drive down I-75 and can see Kennesaw Mountain," Olens said. "That's nothing compared to the beauty you have up here."

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"We are a small senior center and our rural county is large with many homes located on the sides of a mountains or on rutted gravel roads," she said. "Regular cars and our old vans couldn't get to some of the homes so our drivers had to park and walk in. Our vans are old and only get 11 miles per gallon which really cuts into our transportation budget," she said.

Thanks so much to Tony Stewart and Wal-Mart," she said. "The new vehicle gets 21 miles per gallon which will be a big savings."

"When I received notification of the award from the Small Program, Large Impact Grant, I could not believe it," she said. "I was so excited, I read the email three times before it sank in."

"We are so excited to have received this grant and so thankful to the Wal-Mart Foundation," she said.



The goal of the Wal-Mart Foundation-MOWAA, Small Program, Large Impact Grant is to help expand services now and in the future for rural programs.

Several factors were taken into consideration including the time it takes to make deliveries, the distances

to be traveled, the cost per meal, and the size of the volunteer workforce involved in delivering or preparing meals.

Several factors were creating a situation where the need was quickly exceeding the financial resources that were available.

Thanks to the Wal-Mart Foundation for helping the Union County Senior Center and local Meals On Wheels program.

It is greatly appreciated.

For more details, please call the Senior Center at (706) 439-6105.

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that someone would recognize him," Worden said.

The sheriff's office was in luck. Several people contacted the sheriff's office with information leading to the identity of the suspect.

One of those person was the suspect himself.

"On Aug. 14, I received a call from Mr. Eddie Huskins," Worden said. "He said that he had the telephone all the time and he would bring it to the sheriff's office."

Huskins arrived and immediately began to explain how he came in possession of the Razr, sheriff's reports show.

"He brought the phone," Worden said. "Mr. Huskins told us that he found the phone and was going to take it to the customer service desk."

"He said he was interrupted by a telephone call from his wife saying she had car trouble in Forsyth County," Worden said. "After that call, he said he hurriedly left the building and did not turn the phone into customer service."



Eddie Huskins of Murphy, NC was identified using this Wal-Mart surveillance photograph posted on Facebook. He was charged with felony theft.

Huskins, 38, of Murphy, NC, also told Worden that he had intended to bring the phone by the sheriff's office after he forgot to drop it off at the customer service desk.

"I explained to Mr. Huskins that the phone cost was in excess of \$500 making it a felony theft by taking," Worden said. "I asked him if he had the intention of turning the phone in. He said at first that he did, but changed his

mind. He recognized it was a stupid mistake and said he understood he was going to jail.

"Facebook is proving to be an important law enforcement tool as more and more people get involved in social networking."

Huskins was charged with felony theft, Union County Jail records show. The case was forward to the Enotah Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, sheriff's reports show.

North Georgia Technical College Homecoming Oct. 20

Homecoming at North Georgia Technical College is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2012. Included in the activities are the Alumni Awards Brunch and Annual Meeting during which outstanding alumni and former employees are recognized. Nominations are currently being sought for those to be considered for the 2012 Career Achievement and Hall of Fame Awards.

The Career Achievement Award is given to graduates of NGTC working in their field of study. The winners must have distinguished themselves in their chosen career (i.e., named the company's Employee of the Year, promoted into middle or upper management position, established a successful business and/or recognized by his/her professional peers, etc.). The nominees must be respected by fellow employees and be recognized as outstanding citizens of their communities.

The Hall of Fame Award is bestowed upon a deserving graduate of NGTC. Candidates must have graduated from North Georgia Tech at least 20 years prior to nomi-

nation and distinguished himself/herself in his/her professional life.

Nominations are due by September 10, 2012. For more information on the Alumni Brunch & Annual

Meeting or to obtain a nomination form, please call 706-754-7714, email cbrown@northgatech.edu or visit the website at www.northgatech.edu and click on Foundation/

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