



## Staff Report

Meeting Date: Nov 18, 2025  
Meeting Type: City Council

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**To:** City Council

**From:**

**Item Title:** Antonio Johnston - Hancock County First Responders Appreciation Ball  
Fee Waiver Request

**Background:** Letter from Mr. Johnston:

Dear Bay St Louis City Council,

The Hancock County First Responders Appreciation Association is proud to announce our upcoming First Responders Appreciation Ball, an event dedicated to honoring the brave men and women who serve our community in law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. These selfless individuals work tirelessly to protect the citizens of Hancock County, often placing themselves in harm's way to ensure our safety. The event will take place on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at the Bay Saint Louis Community Center with food and entertainment from 6pm to 11pm.

To make this meaningful event possible, we are reaching out to local businesses, organizations, and individuals for sponsorship and donations. Your support will help us create a memorable evening to celebrate our first responders and their families, while also strengthening the bond between our community and those who serve it.

We would be deeply grateful for your contribution at any level. Donations will assist with event expenses such as venue, meals, entertainment, and recognition gifts for our honored guests. In appreciation, all sponsors will be acknowledged at the event and in related materials, demonstrating your commitment to our local heroes.

We invite you to review these options and consider how your business or organization might participate in this special occasion.

Thank you for your generosity and for standing with Hancock County's first responders. Together, we can show our gratitude to those who dedicate their lives to protecting ours.

With appreciation,

Tony Johnston

Association President