

Attachment #1

LETTER OF RECOGNITION

Presented to John Albany & Steven Carr

WHEREAS, ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 4, 2020, THE CITY OF CHESTER, ALONG WITH THE REST OF DELAWARE COUNTY, WAS BATTERED BY THE REMNANTS OF HURRICANE ISAIAS. CHESTER BUREAU OF FIRE CREWS RESPONDED TO NUMEROUS INCIDENTS IN THE CITY AS A RESULT; AND

WHEREAS, AT APPROXIMATELY 1303 HOURS, COMMISSIONER RIGBY RECEIVED A CALL REQUESTING HELP WITH RESCUING TWO (2) CHILDREN AND FIVE (5) FIREFIGHTERS THAT WERE TRAPPED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A HOME THAT WAS SURROUNDED BY RISING, FAST-MOVING FLOOD WATERS IN DARBY BOROUGH. OTHER WATER RESCUE RESOURCES HAD BEEN REQUESTED BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ARRIVE FOR SOME TIME DUE TO NUMEROUS WATER RESCUE INCIDENTS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THE SITUATION WAS WORSENING FOR THE TRAPPED AND AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE WAS NEEDED; AND

WHEREAS, COMMISSIONER RIGBY IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED FIREFIGHTERS STEVEN CARR AND JOHN ALBANY, WHO ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED IN SWIFT WATER RESCUE, TO RESPOND WITH THE BUREAU'S MARINE UNIT. FIREFIGHTERS CARR AND ALBANY ARRIVED ON LOCATION AND ASSESSED THE SITUATION. THEY WERE CONFRONTED WITH FLOODWATERS MOVING APPROXIMATELY 25-30MPH THAT HAD DEBRIS, INCLUDING CARS FLOATING DOWNSTREAM IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT WITH UNKNOWN OBSTACLES HIDDEN UNDER THE WATER. THE DEBRIS AND UNKNOWN OBSTACLES PRESENTED A HUGE SAFETY RISK AS IT COULD HAVE SEVERELY DAMAGED THE BOAT OR ITS MOTOR, TURNING THE ONES WHO WOULD CONDUCT THE RESCUE TO ONES WHO WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE RESCUED; AND

WHEREAS, SHORTLY AFTER FIREFIGHTERS CARR AND ALBANY ARRIVED, TWO POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MARINE UNIT ARRIVED, AND WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE IN ACTING AS SHORE SUPPORT PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS CARR AND ALBANY LAUNCHED THE BUREAU'S MARINE UNIT, A ZODIAC BOAT. DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE TRAPPED AND THE LIMITED CAPACITY OF THE BOAT, NOT ONE BUT THREE CROSSING OF THE FAST-MOVING, DEBRIS CLUTTERED FLOOD WATER WERE MADE. THE TWO CHILDREN WERE REUNITED WITH THEIR MOTHER AND THE FIVE FIREFIGHTERS WERE BROUGHT TO SAFETY IN UNDER 10 MINUTES. FIREFIGHTERS CARR AND ALBANY PERFORMED FLAWLESSLY DESPITE ALL THE OBSTACLES THEY WERE PRESENTED WITH; AND

WHEREAS, FIREFIGHTERS CARR AND ALBANY RESTORED THE MARINE UNIT AND THEN, ALONG WITH OTHER BUREAU OF FIRE PERSONNEL, SPENT THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS RESPONDING TO NUMEROUS WATER RESCUE INCIDENTS BOTH WITHIN THE CITY OF CHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES OF DELAWARE COUNTY; AND

NOW THEREFORE, I MAYOR THADDEUS KIRKLAND AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER DO HEREBY COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THESE MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER BUREAU OF FIRE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES.

FURTHERMORE, THE CITY OF CHESTER BUREAU OF FIRE, COMMANDED BY COMMISSIONER RIGBY, DO HEREBY AWARD THESE MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER BUREAU OF FIRE WITH THE BUREAU'S "INDIVIDUAL CITATION" AWARD FOR THEIR ACTIONS THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE QUICK AND SAFE MITIGATION OF THE INCIDENT.

PRESENTED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021

THADDEUS KIRKLAND, MAYOR

PORTIA WEST, COUNCILWOMAN

WILLIAM MORGAN, COUNCILMAN

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, COUNCILWOMAN

WILLIAM A. JACOBS, COUNCILMAN

Candice Thompson

Attachment #2

From: Aigner Cleveland
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Kenneth Schuster
Cc: Janell Brown; Candice Thompson
Subject: Fwd: Please submit public comment to Jan 27th Council Meeting

Public comment for today (January 27) Council Meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: adriene webster <learneradriene@gmail.com>
Date: January 26, 2021 at 9:44:03 PM EST
To: Aigner Cleveland <acleveland@chestercity.com>
Cc: adriene webster <learneradriene@gmail.com>, A <webco1998@yahoo.com>
Subject: Please submit public comment to Jan 27th Council Meeting

Hello,

My name is Adriene Webster. I live in Chester PA.

I wanted to keep involved and up to date on the submission for property of 2405 Chestnut Street to the County Office of Housing and Community Development.

I spoke to Mr. Galante 1/12, 1/25 and today, 1/26 at 1:30 pm, to get confirmation of the submission of paperwork to the County. He did inform me that he scanned the paperwork and emailed all documents over to Mr. Phil Welch today.

Thank you, Mr. Galante for submitting this paperwork today (1/26) and ensuring the County has it knowing it takes 2 to 3 months of processing once it's on their agenda. Your work is much appreciated as Chester's City Engineer.

Thank you, all, for your work and assistance in resolving this matter. I look forward to hearing updates on the process as well other projects to improve the Chester community.

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