

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 14-226**

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF THOMAS J. WELSH, POLICE OFFICER KRISTIN ALTIMARI AND PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE JOSHUA SCHMIDT

Councilman Murphy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, an emergency call was received on Saturday evening, August 9, 2014, regarding a group of young women who were in distress and stranded on the Navesink River; and

WHEREAS, Police and Fire personnel were dispatched to the scene and worked to guide the women to safety; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Thomas J. Welsh, Chief of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department, assisted with the emergency response and, while he was acting in his duties as Chief of the Department, his quick thinking and extraordinary efforts went above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Chief Welsh has credited the participation of the members of the volunteer Fire Department and stressed that without the assistance of the Fire Department volunteers he would have not had anything to command; and

WHEREAS, while Officer Kristin Altimari was acting in her duties as a Police Officer, her quick thinking and extraordinary efforts to personally assist the women by boarding their boat and assisting them back to a safe place to exit the river went above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Altimari's dedication and quick thinking were essential in ensuring a successful outcome and should serve as an inspiration to her fellow officers;

WHEREAS, Public Works employee Joshua Schmidt was on duty and quickly responded to the scene to assist the Fire and Police personnel with gaining entry through a locked access to the river and, therefore, expediting the rescue; and

WHEREAS, the family of one of the young women contacted the Borough to commend these employees on their actions to assist in the rescue and help avoid a potential tragedy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council wish to commend Thomas J. Welsh, Kristin Altimari and Joshua Schmidt for their exemplary actions and that we extend our appreciation on behalf of the entire community for their selfless acts of service to the people of Red Bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council ask that a copy of this resolution be placed in their personnel files.

Seconded by Councilman Zipprich and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Murphy	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Lewis	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman DuPont	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: August 13, 2014