



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County**

Honoring
**The Ventura County
Fire Protection District**

For Extraordinary Efforts Directing the Pt. Mugu Water Rescue on July 12, 2009

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2009, a motorist from Ojai was involved in a traffic accident on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu that resulted in his truck, going over the side of the roadway, tumbling over the rock embankment, and plunging into the turbulent ocean surf. The vehicle landed right side up in the water, but the injured motorist was trapped inside; and

WHEREAS, responding to a call for emergency service, firefighters and rescue personnel arrived at the scene at 7:30 PM., including Ventura County firefighters responding from Malibu Fire Station #56, Camarillo Fire Stations #50 and #54, Port Hueneme Fire Station #53, along with firefighters from Naval Base Ventura County and Ventura County Federal Fire, California State Beach Lifeguards, and Ventura County Sheriff's Department Air Squad 9 helicopter; and

WHEREAS, the crew from Fire Station #56 was first on-scene and determined that the single victim was injured and the vehicle was drifting out to sea and sinking. They secured the vehicle, but the vehicle and patient continued to be battered by the surf. The water rescue crew from Fire Station #53 launched the rescue water craft near Mugu Rock and proceeded to the crash site. Rescuers had to take urgent actions to remove the injured victim because of the high surf conditions while trying to protect themselves and the victim; and

WHEREAS, with firefighters monitoring wave action, rescuers entered the damaged truck cab, removed the rear window and extricated the victim. While in the water, rescue swimmers loaded the victim on a backboard, swam him out to the waiting rescue water craft and then was taken to a nearby beach location for treatment by paramedics. Once stabilized, the Sheriff's helicopter crew transported the victim to Saint John's Medical Center in Oxnard; and

WHEREAS, this successfully resolved incident occurring on July 12, 2009 was truly a team effort approach of rescue personnel taking the right actions to save a life, and exemplifies the Ventura County Fire District's goal "to deliver the highest level of public service through a team effort";

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in
Commending and Thanking the Ventura County Fire Protection District for successfully directing and carrying out
the heroic water rescue of a motorist in the Pacific Ocean off Pt. Mugu on July 12, 2009*

PRESENTED THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2009

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
Steve Bennett, Supervisor 1st District

Linda Parks
Supervisor 2nd District

Kathy Long
Supervisor 3rd District

Peter C. Foy
Supervisor 4th District

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