EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER VOLUNTEERS OF PERKASIE FIRE COMPANY AND HAYCOCK FIRE COMPANY. COMMENDING PERKASIE FD BATTALION CHIEF 26 SHAWN EBY, PERKASIE FD CAPTAIN 26 JOSEPH FERRARA, PERKASIE FD FIREFIGHTER JOHN YANNACCONE, PERKASIE FD FIREFIGHTER TIMOTHY YANNACCONE, HAYCOCK FD DEPUTY CHIEF 63 GRETCHEN FRANCIS AND HAYCOCK FD MARINE CAPTAIN DANIEL SUSZKO.

WHEREAS, on Saturday evening, July 5, 2014 at 20:35 hours, Rescue 26 responded to assist Station 17 (Quakertown #1) with a marine rescue at Hansen Quarry, 1200 Quarry Road, East Rockhill Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Perkasie FD Battalion Chief 26 Shawn Eby after communicating with dispatch and from radio cross traffic, directed Rescue 26 and Tac 76 to respond for an apparent cliff rescue; and

WHEREAS, rescuers took harnesses and rope equipment in Battalion 26 vehicle as far off-road access would allow, then proceeded to hike to the top of the quarry rim as darkness fell to gain access from above the patient; and

WHEREAS, rescuers were located sixty feet (60') above subject, Firefighters John Yannaccone and Tim Yannaccone made a rigging system of a main line and belay for Captain 26 Joseph Ferrara and a rigging system for the subject; and

WHEREAS, Captain 26 went over the edge at 21:51 and placed the female subject in a harness and helmet, performed a pick-off and moved the subject the remaining thirty feet (30') distance to awaiting Haycock Fire Department Marine 63 inflatable water craft at 22:11 hours; and

WHEREAS, subject was then taken across the water to awaiting medical personnel at 22:16 hours; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that East Rockhill Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is commending and recognizing the efforts in this unusual rescue in complete darkness to:

Perkasie FD Battalion Chief 26 Shawn Eby
Perkasie FD Captain 26 Joseph Ferrara
Perkasie FD Firefighter John Yannaccone
Perkasie FD Firefighter Timothy Yannaccone
Haycock FD Deputy Chief 63 Gretchen Francis
Haycock FD Marine Captain Daniel Suszko

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Rockhill, County of Bucks, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 12th day of August 2014.

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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