

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
THANKING THE STAMFORD FIREFIGHTERS WHO PERFORMED A
LIFE-SAVING RESCUE AT CUMMINGS PARK DURING THE BLIZZARD**

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, during the peak of a Nor'easter, Stamford firefighters rescued two people from a truck that fell into the harbor at Cummings Park after the driver was reportedly doing "donuts" in the fresh snow in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, at 2:10 p.m. on February 1, 2021, Stamford firefighters received a report of a vehicle in the water off Cummings Park; and

WHEREAS, the personnel arriving on the scene discovered a 4-door pick-up truck partially submerged and floating approximately 40 feet offshore and a woman standing in the rear cargo area of the truck shouting that there was a man trapped inside the submerged cab of the truck; and

WHEREAS, while the extreme winds, snow, and tide continued to move the vehicle and cause it to fill with water, firefighters from Truck 1 and Engine 2 wearing cold water rescue suits entered the water and swam out to the truck; one of the fire department's 100' tower ladder trucks was positioned by the water's edge and deployed the aerial ladder out to the vehicle; and Fire Department SCUBA divers from Rescue Co. 1 began to set up for a rescue diving operation; and

WHEREAS, as weather conditions continued to deteriorate and the truck continued to submerge deeper into the frigid waters of Long Island Sound, the firefighters in the water calmed the woman and assisted her into the tower ladder and was able to extricate the man, after he had been completely submerged for approximately 15 seconds, through a small open rear window and place him into the tower ladder, and both people were brought to shore; and

WHEREAS, once on shore, the occupants were transferred into the care of Stamford EMS Paramedics and the man was transported to Stamford Hospital for further treatment while firefighters and divers remained on scene and assisted with the securing and removal of the vehicle from the water.

WHEREAS, because of the heroic efforts of the Stamford firefighters and the Fire Department SCUBA divers, the two individuals survived the incident.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the 30th Board of Representatives that it commends the Stamford firefighters for their bravery and dedication in rescuing the two people from a truck submerged in the water off Cummings Park.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
this 1st day of March, 2021*

Matthew Quinones, President

Susan Nabel, Clerk