

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT CLIFF RESCUE 12/9/06

WHEREAS, at 12:58 PM paramedic E-11 responded to a medical emergency of an injured surfer at the 6700 block of Del Playa and upon arriving on scene, Captain Larry Ryan discovered he had 3 victims trapped by heavy surf and a high tide at the bottom of the cliff at 6714 Del Playa. Captain Larry Ryan ordered a response from T-11 and E-17, who along with E-11 comprise the core units for Santa Barbara County's Urban Search and Rescue, ("USAR") and Water Rescue Teams, and

WHEREAS, The 3 victims had become trapped when a surfer became distressed in the heavy surf and two bystanders attempted to come to the aid of the surfer and became trapped along with the surfer, and

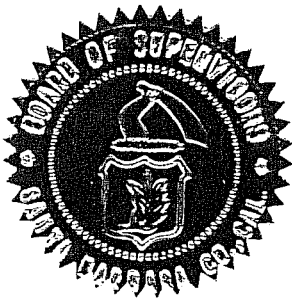
WHEREAS, Captain Larry Ryan determined the best avenue for rescue of the victims was to bring them straight up the cliff utilizing the team's training in high angle rope rescue. Firefighter paramedics James Harris and Jim Simpson were lowered down the cliff via a high angle rope rescue system. Harnesses were attached to the victims and they were raised along with a rescuer, one at a time to safety at the top of the cliff, and

WHEREAS, Other members of the USAR and Water Rescue team who aided in the rescue are as follows: Captain Mike Patarak, Engineer Mike Dalcerci, Engineer Rob Durtche, Captain Mark Beeson, Engineer Rick Pinal, Firefighter Martin Rizo-Patron and Battalion Chief Mike McIntosh, and

WHEREAS, this rescue successfully made use of special training and equipment and the personnel responding to this incident responded in the expert manner we have come to expect, minimizing the potential loss of life in their routine, matter-of-course expert treatment of situations encountered on a daily basis which may turn out to be anything but routine,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors honors and commends, the skill and lifesaving dedication of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department .

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of December, 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

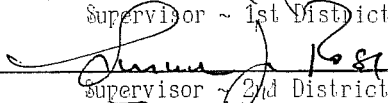


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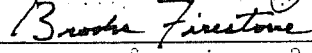

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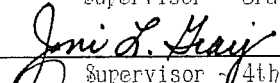
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