

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #13
TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL**

RESOLUTION #19-02-07-01

Meeting Date: February 7, 2019

First Reading: February 7, 2019

Adopted: **FEB 7 2019**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF THOMAS KOLBE
ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kolbe began serving the residents of Cherry Hill as a Junior Firefighter with the Ashland Fire Company #2 at the age of sixteen (16) and;

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kolbe was hired as a full time firefighter with Cherry Hill Fire District #4 assigned to the B Platoon on August 2, 1986; and,

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kolbe served as the IAFF Local 2663 Shop Steward and Union President for many years and was instrumental in the consolidation of six (6) Cherry Hill Fire Districts into what is now known as Cherry Hill Fire District #13; and,

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kolbe took the first promotional examination in the newly consolidated Cherry Hill Fire District #13 and was promoted to Lieutenant on March 18, 1995 and subsequently assigned to the Training & Safety Division; and,

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kolbe accomplished many significant achievements during his five (5) years as a Lieutenant in the Training & Safety Division and on March 22, 2000, Fire Chief Kolbe was promoted to Battalion Chief of the Training & Safety Division where he promoted a culture and expectation of excellence; and,

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2001, Fire Chief Kolbe was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief where he served for thirteen (13) years. Fire Chief Kolbe was instrumental in establishing many of the Fire Department's current policies and best business practices. Fire Chief Kolbe received the "Staff Achievement with Distinction Award" in December of 2009; and,

WHEREAS, in September of 2014, Fire Chief Kolbe was promoted to the rank of Fire Chief where he has served for four (4) years. Fire Chief Kolbe was instrumental in the accomplishment of several major achievements. On July 27, 2016, the Cherry Hill Fire Department received Accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International and in August of 2016 the Cherry Hill Fire Department achieved the Class-1 rating from the Insurance Services Offices. Fire Chief Kolbe's vision of expanding the Training Academy came to fruition in December 2017 when our new Burn Prop was completed; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kolbe retired on December 31, 2018, after thirty-two (32) years of commendable service to the Cherry Hill Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #13, Township of Cherry Hill, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to commend Fire Chief Kolbe on his thirty-two (32) years of commitment and professionalism to the Cherry Hill Fire Department and wish him success in his future endeavors and thank him for his countless hours and contributions to our organization.

The following Resolution #19-02-07-01 was introduced by Commissioner
was seconded by Commissioner

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	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CAMPAGNA	X			
GIBSON	X			
KELLY	X			
MCCARGO	X			
MONTANA	X			

Certification

I, Robert A. Campagna, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioner, Fire District #13, Township of Cherry Hill, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution #19-02-07-01 was duly adopted by the Commissioners at the meeting held on February 7, 2019.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



**ROBERT A. CAMPAGNA
CLERK, B.O.F.C DIST #13**