

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

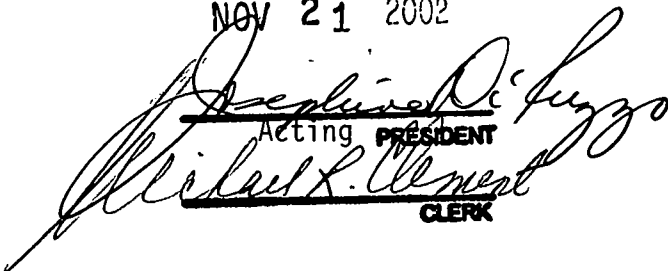
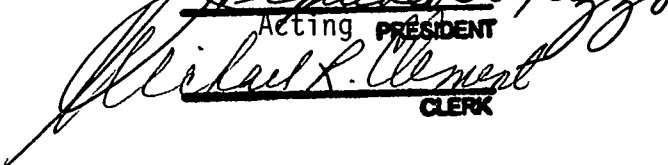
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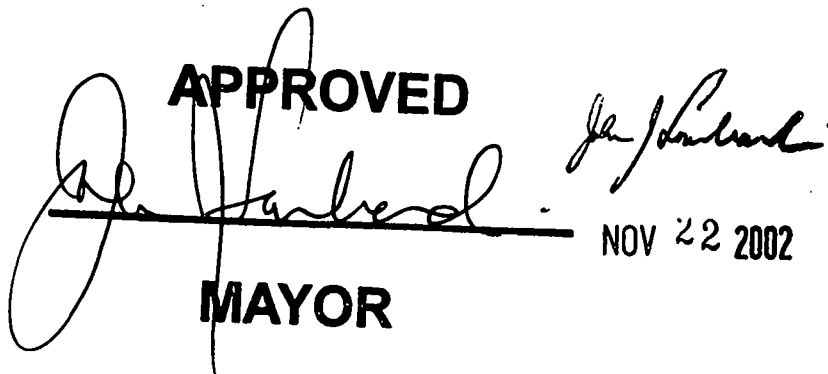
RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Congratulations to Firefighter James "Okie" Okolowicz, Team Captain, Fire Marshal David Costa, Lieutenant Greg Crawford, Firefighter Joseph Vingi, Firefighter Chris Henrickson (Warwick Fire Department), Firefighter Bonnie Benson, Firefighter Donna Luce and Lieutenant Chuck LeBlanc, Team Coach (Leominster Fire Department), Members of the Providence Fire Department Combat Challenge Team for competing in the World Challenge XI held October 29, 2002 through November 2, 2002 in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED

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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 11/13/02

Time: 9:00

Council Person Mancini

By Request ☐  
Not By Request ☒

Summary: Resolution Extending Sincere  
Congratulation to the Providence  
Fire Department Combat Challenge  
Team for competing in the  
World Challenge XI held  
October 29, 2002 through November  
2, 2002 in Deerfield Beach, Florida

Taken By: Shen

Who: Providence Fire Department Combat Challenge Team  
What: Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge  
Event Name: World Challenge XI  
When: Event Date 10/29/2002 through 11/2/2002  
Where: Deerfield Beach, Florida

The Providence Fire Department Combat Challenge Team competed in **World Challenge XI** which was held October 29, 2002 through November 2, 2002 in Deerfield Beach, Florida. The Firefighter Combat Challenge is a race against the clock by firefighters that perform the following series of five routine firefighting tasks in a specific order:

**EVENT 1: High Rise Pack Carry.** The competition starts at the base of a tower. The hose pack cannot be touched before the start. The 3"-in. hose load and cover that weighs 45 lb. may be carried in any manner and must be deposited into a container on the top floor (sixty steps).

**EVENT 2: Hose Hoist.** A 45-lb. roll of large diameter hose is hoisted up the tower using 5/8"-in. kernmantle rope. The evolution is complete when the roll clears the railing at the top of the tower and the hose is placed in container on the top floor.

**EVENT 3: Forcible Entry.** The forcible entry evolution utilizes the Keiser Force Machine™ (a chopping simulator). Using the 9-lb. shot mallet (sledge hammer), the competitor must drive the 160-lb. steel beam a horizontal distance of 5-ft.

**EVENT 4: Hose Advance.** Traveling 140-ft. through course delimiters, the competitor must then pick up the nozzle end of the 1.75-in. charged hose line and drag it a distance of 75-ft. Once the nozzle crosses the 75-ft. stripe, the competitor opens the nozzle, hits a target with the water stream, shuts down the nozzle and places the nozzle on the pavement.

**EVENT 5: Victim Rescue.** A 175-lb. Simulaid, Inc., Rescue Randy® mannequin must be dragged backwards a distance of 100-ft. Carrying the dummy is not permitted.

To qualify for the World Challenge, competitors had to qualify at one of several regional competitions that were held throughout the United States and Canada. The Providence Fire Department Combat Challenge Team consisted of 4 male Providence Firefighters and one Firefighter from the Warwick Fire Department. Additionally, there are two female firefighters that competed individually, the Fire Marshal competed with the team and individually in the Chief's division, and our team coach competed individually in the over 50 year old division. The following are the team members:

Team Captain -      Firefighter James "Okie" Okolowicz  
                            Fire Marshal David Costa  
                            Lieutenant Greg Crawford  
                            Firefighter Joseph Vingi  
                            Firefighter Chris Henrickson (Warwick Fire Department)

Female Firefighters - Firefighter Bonnie Benson  
Firefighter Donna Luce

Team Coach - Lieutenant Chuck LeBlanc (Leominster Fire Department)

All the firefighters on the Providence Fire Department Combat Challenge Team recorded times that achieved a personal best. In addition, Lieutenant Chuck LeBlanc, the Team Coach, and Fire Marshal David Costa both qualified as individuals for the final competition that was held on Saturday, November 2, 2002. Lieutenant Chuck LeBlanc finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the over-50 age group and Fire Marshal David Costa finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Chief's division. The final competition will be aired on ESPN some time around December 23, 2002.