

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 737

Approved November 14, 2003

RESOLVED, That The Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes to Deputy Assistant Chief Paul Wentworth upon his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service to the Providence Fire Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL
NOV 16 2003
READ AND PASSED

PRES.
Michael A. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR 11/14/03

Councilwoman Bonnard, Councilman Segal, Councilwoman Williams & Young,
Medica, Councilwoman Rizzuto, Councilmen Hasset, Rizzuto, Jackson, Mancini,
Councilman Lura, Council President Lombardi, Councilmen Allen, Aporti, Butta,

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK



Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

Claire E. Bestwick
First Deputy

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

Anna M. Stetson
Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 10/28/03

Time: 10:00

Council Person Luna

By Request
Not By Request

Summary: Resolution Extending Sincere
Best Wishes to Deputy Assistant
Chief Paul Wentworth upon his
retirement after 36 years of dedicated
service to the Providence Fire
Department.

Taken By: Sherrin

Retirement Party for (4 People) November 7, 2003 at Lombardis 1025 Club.

Deputy Assistant Chief Paul Wentworth - 36 Yrs of Service.

Battalion Chief William Charello - 33 Yrs of Service.

Battalion Chief Dennis McGarty - 31 Yrs. of Service.

Captain Raymond Vernon - 30 Yrs of Service.

This Retirement Party for these 4 people will be November 7, 2003 At Lombardis 1025 Club.
Starts at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm is Cocktail Hour with Dinner to follow.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 738

Approved November 14, 2003

WHEREAS, Established in August 1996 as the New Force Steppers with just eighteen girls, it soon became apparent there was a need for the young men to form a Drum Corp; and

WHEREAS, The Drill Team is a group of over sixty multicultural youth's ranging in age's 7-18 years who perform drum and drill sequences; and

WHEREAS, In 1997 they added the Drum Corp and soon the New Force Steppers/Drill Team was formed. Most of the current sixty-plus participants have been with the group since its inception eight years ago; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the step/drill program, other activities such as cooking and tutorial classes are a part of our team efforts. They also hold an Annual Banquet each year and every member of the Drill Team receives a certificate, trophy and/or special award for his/her accomplishments throughout the year; and

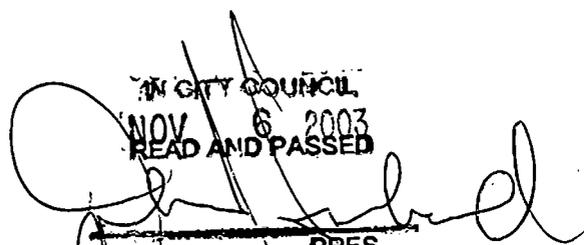
WHEREAS, As part of his/her participation, every youngster is expected to maintain an academic level of at least a C-average and if grades begin to fall, the child is offered tutorial services through the program and also children who participate in New Force are committed and involved with something that is making a significant difference in their lives and offers the opportunity to build:

- *Team Skills*
- *Self-esteem*
- *Interpersonal relationship skills*
- *Community responsibility*
- *Dependability/Responsibility/Discipline*
- *Cultural enrichment; and*

Councilwoman Young

WHEREAS, The New Force Steppers/Drill Team has participated in numerous events around the country including in August of 2001 they performed at the New England Patriots Summer Camp and also in February of 2002 and they also performed at the Super Bowl Celebration which was held on the steps of Providence City Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council and the Mayor do hereby recognize their accomplishments and that they continue to have success in all their endeavors.

IN CITY COUNCIL
NOV 6 2003
READ AND PASSED

PRES.
Michael A. Cement
CLERK 

APPROVED

MAYOR 11/14/03

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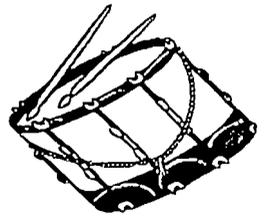
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Council Person Young

By Request
Not By Request

Summary: Resolution Extending Sincere
Congratulations to the New Force
Steppers / Drill Team for recently
attending the Eastern Drill O' Rama,
I. B. P. O. of Elks of the World
Competition, which was held in
Portsmouth, VA on Saturday,
September 27, 2003 and proudly
finishing 1st place for the Steppers
fancy trick, 1st Place for the drummers
and 1st Place for overall Steppers and
Drummers together.

Taken By: Shen



NEW FORCE STEPPERS/DRILL TEAM

*c/o West End Community Center
109 Bucklin Street
Providence, RI 02907*

November 4, 2003

Michael Clements
City Hall

Dear Mr. Clements:

The New Force Steppers/Drill Team is a group of over sixty multicultural youth's age's 7-18 years who perform drum and drill sequences. Established in August 1996 as the New Force Steppers with just eighteen girls, it soon became apparent there was a need for the young men to form a Drum Corp. In 1997 we added the Drum Corp and soon the New Force Steppers/Drill Team was formed. Most of the current sixty-plus participants have been with the group since its inception EIGHT years ago.

In addition to the step/drill program, other activities such as cooking and tutorial classes are a part of our team efforts. We also hold an Annual Banquet each year and every member of the New Force Steppin' Drill Team receives a certificate, trophy and/or special award for his/her accomplishments throughout the year. As part of his or her participation, every youngster is expected to maintain an academic level of at least a C-average. ~~Should grades begin to fall,~~ the child is offered tutorial services through the program. The children who participate in New Force are committed and involved with something that is making a significant difference in their lives and offers them the opportunity to build:

- Team Skills
- Self-esteem
- Interpersonal relationship skills
- Community responsibility
- Dependability/Responsibility/Discipline
- Cultural enrichment

*Darleen Walker
Head Coach/Founder*

*Jeffery Speaks
Head Coach, Drummers*

*Marsha Smith
Assi. Coach/Editor*

*Darla Fulp
Assi. Coach*

*Roberta Barros
Team Counselor*

*Nancy Speaks
Assistant*

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Our first show was held at Hasbro Children's Hospital, we also have performed in elementary/middle/high schools through the year. In April 1997, we participated in our first annual step/drill team competition held at John Hope settlement House in which we placed first out of seven (7) teams. In May 1999, the team participated in the First Annual National Drill/Step Competition held at Central High School and where we again placed first for the drill and drum segments of the competition, we also placed third in two competitions held in New Haven and Hartford, Connecticut. In September 1999, we participated at the Eastern Drill-O-Rama held in Somerset, New Jersey and proudly returned home with three large trophies. In addition New Force has participated in area parades such as the East Greenwich Memorial Day which we attended on two occasions, Veteran's Day Parade, Providence Black Heritage Parade, St Patrick's Day Parade in Providence, the Cape Verdean Parade in which we participated in July 2001 and July 2002 in New Bedford, MA and September, 2002 we participated in the Caribbean Festival in Boston, MA. Also we performed at an Aids Prevention Talent Awareness and half time entertainment at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, MA, Brown University both events were in 2000. We also did half-time event for Providence College Women basketball in 2001 and 2002. We were featured in the front page of the East Greenwich newspaper, television interview with Nicole Livas and the Providence Journal. In August 2000, with the help of the City of Providence and other organizations through the community we were able to raise enough funds to take the team to Atlanta, GA to participate in the World Drill-O-Rama competition of the Elks. We placed first in the parade segment and in floor competition the junior team placed sixth and the senior team placed eight. November 2000, we participated in the opening of the new Robert Bailey Elementary School in Providence. We were honored in August 2001 to perform for the New England Patriots Opening Summer Camp and again February 2002, at their Super Bowl celebration held on the steps of the City Hall in Providence, Rhode Island. Our most recent event was held at the Dunkin Donut Center for half-time entertainment Providencce College Men's basketball game in December 2002.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the following (401) 461-1703 home and (401) 432-1708 work.

Sincerely,

Darleen Walker

Darleen Walker
Head Coach/Founder