

West Deptford Township

2017-104

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the West Deptford Township Committee wishes to honor those individuals who have distinguished themselves by serving their fellow man without any expectations of recognition for their actions; and

WHEREAS, Jenna Lundfels and Gerald Robitaille, are Gloucester County EMTs and were stationed at the Hessian and Red Bank Avenue EMS Station on January 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, EMT Lundfels and Robitaille were notified of a fire across the street from the Station by a bystander, EMT Robitaille contacted the Gloucester County Communications Center and advised them of the fire at 1266 Hessian Avenue and both EMTs proceeded to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, EMT Lundfels and Robitaille assessed the situation and realizing two cars were parked in the driveway, determined that there was a possibility that someone could still be in the burning home; and

WHEREAS, without thought of their own safety, EMT Lundfels and Robitaille entered the dwelling, fought through the thick black smoke and started calling for anyone that may have been inside when Mrs. Rosemary DeVito exited the house stating that her husband was still inside; and

WHEREAS, EMT Lundfels and Robitaille breached the doorway and observed Mr. John DeVito, Sr. disorientated from the smoke. EMT Lundfels and Robitaille removed him from the burning home and placed him in their unit and transported Mr. DeVito to Cooper University Hospital where he was treated for minor burns; and

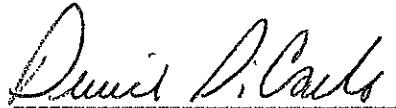
WHEREAS, if it was not for the brave actions of these two individuals, this incident could have turned fatal; and

WHEREAS, it is both proper and fitting that Jenna Lundfels and Gerald Robitaille be acknowledged and honored for their heroic, humanitarian actions that have resulted in the saving of two lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, that sincere gratitude is extended to EMTs Jenna Lundfels and Gerald Robitaille for their service to Mr. and Mrs. John DeVito, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jenna Lundfels and Gerald Robitaille are wished much personal and professional success.

PRESENTED this first day of March, 2017.


DENICE DICARLO, MAYOR