

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-68

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
STEPHEN J. WAGGONER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Steve Waggoner began his career with the Torrance Fire Department as a Firefighter on March 11, 1985, and became a certified Paramedic on October 26, 1987. He was assigned to various truck, rescue, and engine companies; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve spent 25 years of his TFD career as a Firefighter/Paramedic, providing patients with high level care and professionalism until his retirement in July 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** Firefighter/Paramedic Waggoner was outstanding as a compassionate paramedic who was very gracious to the public he encountered on his daily EMS calls. His composure on many responses provided calming effect benefiting both his patients and his peers. His enthusiasm for public service was genuine; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve's extensive experience as a Paramedic helped train numerous fire recruits, and as a State certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) instructor, he was key in training other members of the department to the EMT level. Steve was a pleasure to work with; he was a very well liked and respected team player; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve's career interests included his experience with two dynamic Mobil Oil fires, member of the Truck Company of the Year, Day Canyon-Ball Canyon large brush fire, actively participated in development of the first EMT in-house curriculum, EMT instructor for 10 years, and countless life-saving experiences; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve received commendations from the citizens of Torrance for his compassion to the public and his dedication to his task. In 2003, he was awarded by the Medal of Valor Committee a Distinguished Service Award for a life-saving effort above, beyond, and outside of his normal duties; and
- WHEREAS,** Steve retired from the City's employment on July 28, 2012. He provided 27 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and unselfishly used his expertise for maximum team performance to the benefit of the Fire Department and the citizens of Torrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

STEPHEN J. WAGGONER

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Steve be wished a full and rewarding life in his retirement years.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of August 2012.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk