

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
FIRE ENGINEER MICHAEL T. SWENSSON
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Michael Swensson began his career with the City of Torrance as a Firefighter on April 25, 1983, and was promoted to Fire Engineer on January 23, 1994. He was assigned to various trucks, engine companies, and the Hazmat vehicle which broadened his experience; and
- WHEREAS,** Engineer Swensson was one of the most competent engineers in the Fire Department. His pride in apparatus maintenance and dedication to his job made sure that the station and engines always operated and looked their best; and
- WHEREAS,** Mike always focused on safety first. His strongest attributes are his attention to detail, excellent knowledge of apparatus, equipment, and their proper usage. His strong skills, reliability, and sound judgment were major factors in directing his companies to complete assigned tasks successfully; and
- WHEREAS,** Mike was best in emergencies, knows the City well, was an asset with the difficult “first-in-areas” of his assignments – he was always assigned the role of an entry team leader at hazmat emergencies – an important position that is critical for the safety of the entry team members. He was proficient at providing a safe work area at traffic accidents, where he mixed the right amount of initiative and precision towards accomplishment of tasks; and
- WHEREAS,** a natural leader, Mike spent a lot of time teaching different aspects of pumping operations, driving, operating, and maneuvering operations of HM91. He was a diligent team player and known for his positive work ethic. He always maintained a professional demeanor towards his colleagues and the public. Mike mentored aspiring firefighters who were preparing to take the promotional engineer’s test. He put together a training document for the Fire Engine and trained all “B” shift on its proper operations; and
- WHEREAS,** Engineer Swensson, who retired on December 29, 2008, has provided over 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and has unselfishly used his technical expertise 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 retired Fire Engineer

MICHAEL T. SWENSSON

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

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February 2009.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk