

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-32

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING
FIREFIGHTER ROBERT K. PETERSON
AS THE RECIPIENT OF A SUSTAINED SUPERIORITY AWARD**

WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert K. Peterson is a 29-year veteran with the City of Torrance Fire Department. He has been a member of the Hazardous Material team since its inception in 1987 when the Department recognized the need for special training and equipment to handle the growing hazardous materials inventory in the City; and

WHEREAS, one of the first tasks of the newly formed Hazmat team was to accurately outfit the vehicle used by the team. Robert spent countless hours designing and fabricating the Hazardous Materials trailer. Since the inception of the Hazmat program, Firefighter Peterson assured that the team had the necessary equipment to provide service to the community. He provided many hours researching equipment and working with various vendors to secure the needed equipment for the Hazardous Material team. He developed the maintenance schedule, calibrated monitoring equipment, and worked with vendors to repair damaged equipment. He took the lead in ordering and restocking supplies by using the existing Fire Department database and created a supply tracking system to assure the materials shelf life. He is the Hazmat program's equipment, supplies, and documentation resource person; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Peterson monitored Federal and State legislation impacting our Hazardous Material program. Over the years, Firefighter Peterson developed several of the Standard Operating Guidelines used in the Hazardous Material program. He created several forms to assure tasks are completed in a consistent fashion. He worked with employees from several City departments to create the City of Torrance "*Hazardous Materials and Waste Handling Responsibilities*" document; and

WHEREAS, throughout these years, Firefighter Peterson continued to contribute tremendous amounts of time and effort to improve our Hazardous Material program. He takes his own initiative when he sees a need to improve the program. Firefighter Peterson's years of emergency response experience and expertise are important assets to any organization in the fire service.

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

ROBERT K. PETERSON

who, while protecting lives, demonstrates with sustained excellence the distinguishing marks of Torrance Firefighters: Courage, Commitment, Dedication, Service, and Professionalism.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April 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