



RESOLUTION 21-05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KENSINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMENDING BATTALION CHIEF JOSEPH GRUPALO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS OF KENSINGTON

WHEREAS, Joseph Grupalo graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a BA degree in Psychology, and from Las Positas College with an AA degree in Fire Science; and

WHEREAS, after starting his fire service career as a reserve firefighter with the Alameda County Fire Protection District, he joined the Kensington Fire Department on October 12, 2008, and was promoted to Captain on June 5, 2016 and to Battalion Chief on January 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, BC Grupalo was instrumental in developing the department's shoring and cribbing trailer, advancing the training and equipment for technical rescue operations, further advancing the CERT program, coordinating the evacuation program work with Zonehaven, and organizing the CERT water drum program via Lamorinda CERT; and

WHEREAS, during the start of the Coronavirus pandemic, BC Grupalo worked at the County Emergency Operations Center in the Logistics Section tracking PPE and rates of use for all County agencies, and later was instrumental in setting up fire agency based drive-through vaccination sites; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the ranks he has held, he has also served as Training Officer, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and CERT Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Kensington Fire Protection District recognizes the essential support of BC Grupalo's wife, Janine, and their children, Gabriella and Dominic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby commends Joseph Grupalo on his service to the Kensington Fire Protection District, and wishes him heartfelt thanks and continued success in his future endeavors.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on the 21st day of July 2021 by the following vote of the Board.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Larry Nagel, President

Janice Kosel, Secretary