

**9056. RESOLUTION 04-26 RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE.** The Executive Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the owner and operator of the Cape May - Lewes Ferry, and;

WHEREAS, the Cape May - Lewes Ferry operates more than 6,000 crossings annually and transports approximately 375,000 vehicles and 1.1 million passengers each year between Cape May, New Jersey and Lewes, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Authority employs caring, dedicated and highly trained individuals to respond to all types of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2003, Authority marine personnel aboard the MV Twin Capes observed a recreational vessel on the ship’s radar move in and about the ice breakers in the Delaware Bay; and

WHEREAS, as the Twin Capes approached the vessel, the boat’s occupants discharged two flares into the evening sky; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lippincott communicated with the two individuals aboard the boat and learned that the boat, which had taken on approximately 4 feet of water, was quickly sinking; and

WHEREAS, after advising the boaters to don life jackets, get out of the cabin and on deck, and to keep a flashlight with them, Captain Lippincott radioed both the United States Coast Guard and the Pilot tower in Lewes, Delaware, for assistance, and;

WHEREAS, the Twin Capes remained on the scene to keep track of the two people who ultimately wound up in the water as their recreational boat sank beneath them; and

WHEREAS, Authority employees continued to illuminate the individuals floating in the Delaware Bay waters while the Pilot vessel rescued the recreational boaters; and

WHEREAS, Authority employees aboard the Twin Capes vessel acted in a responsive, professional, and coordinated fashion to ensure a safe and successful rescue; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Authority desire to formally recognize the following employees for their individual and collective sacrifice, professionalism, and dedication in the successful resolution of this incident,

Thomas Lippincott  
Albert Burns  
Edward Moore

Stan Hansen  
Peter Raftery  
Sharon Urban

Kyra Jarmon  
Mark DeSorbo  
Kathleen Kingsman  
Sandy Layton

Marirose Strunk  
Francis Batura  
James DeStefano  
Vincent Carr

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the preceding employees are hereby recognized and applauded for outstanding service to the public and the Authority and formally recognized for their dedication and professionalism.

Resolution 04-26 was moved by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Koebig and was approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.