



Lakewood Fire District No. 1

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FIRE COMMISSIONERS ISSUE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF CHIEF MICHAEL J. D'ELIA JR.

During an event held on Monday, October 27, 2020, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lakewood Fire District No.1 presented a Proclamation to outgoing Chief Michael J. D'Elia Jr. in recognition of his service to the Lakewood Fire Department and the Township of Lakewood.



Chief D'Elia became a member of the Lakewood Fire Department in December, 1993, when he joined Junior Hose Fire Company. During his tenure as a dedicated member of the Department, Chief D'Elia exhibited leadership qualities which were instrumental while holding the positions of Firefighter 1 (1994), HazMat Technician (1995), Company Secretary and Driver Operator, as well as the line offices of 2nd Lieutenant (2000), 1st Lieutenant (2001), Captain (2003), 2nd Assistant Chief (2012-2013), 1st Assistant Chief (2013-2016), and, most recently, Chief (2016-2020), wherein he commanded the combination career and volunteer firefighting force with commitment and dedication, and has been instrumental in contributing to the rapid and expansive needs of the fire service within the Township by utilizing his experience, training and vocation to provide firefighters with the most advanced fire training techniques and methods to better enable them to maximize safety and efficacy during the performance of their firefighting duties.

Chief D'Elia's contribution to the fire service has made him an inspiration and mentor to many firefighters and his dedication, experience and expertise has enured to the community as a whole, earning him the respect, admiration, leadership and high regard of all with whom he came into contact.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lakewood Fire District No. 1 recognizes and commends the dedication of Chief D'Elia and his inspiration, leadership as well as his commitment to the many offices held during his service to the Township of Lakewood. The Fire Commissioners extends its congratulations to Chief D'Elia in his term as Chief of the Lakewood Fire Department.

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