

**10279. RESOLUTION 10-63 – RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the owner and operator of the Delaware Memorial Bridge (the “DMB”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority and its employees are responsible for the maintenance of the DMB, more than two miles of approach roads, entrance and exit ramps, and overpasses; and

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

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at approximately 7:30 a.m., a school bus transporting forty-seven (47) high school students and one school aide overturned on the DMB ramp from I-295 northbound to Route 9 southbound while en route to Pencader High School; and

WHEREAS, Authority maintenance and police personnel were dispatched immediately and responded to the accident scene within seconds to render emergency assistance and to aid in the passengers’ evacuation; and

WHEREAS, one maintenance employee working on the accident scene at the time of the accident responded immediately, assessed the situation for injured and, upon realizing that the back emergency door would not open, immediately opened the emergency roof exits and began to assist the students out of those exits; and

WHEREAS, other Authority maintenance crews and police officers secured the scene by closing off the ramp and commenced providing first aid to the injured children; and

WHEREAS, two maintenance employees provided personal clothing to two injured students; and

WHEREAS, Authority police officers exemplified leadership and teamwork by effectively coordinating all incoming emergency-related resources including emergency medical services and other law enforcement agencies, and establishing multiple staging areas for emergency transportation to Christiana Hospital, arriving parents, school officials, bus company representatives, and media services; and

WHEREAS, personal contacts between Authority personnel and the children provided a calming effect, helping to reduce the effects of trauma and shock; and

WHEREAS, forty-three (43) children and one school aide were transported to Christiana Medical Center for treatment of various non-life threatening injuries and released;

and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Authority desire to formally recognize our Authority employees for their individual professionalism, leadership, competence, and dedication to their jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware River and Bay Authority does hereby recognize and applaud its employees for their collective actions under difficult and adverse conditions and their dedication to outstanding public service, which reflects favorably on the Authority, and does hereby record the Commissioners sincere appreciation by the presentation of this Resolution, adopted today, November 16, 2010.

A motion to approve Resolution 10-63 was made by Commissioner Downes, seconded by Commissioner Favre, and approved by a roll call vote of 10-0.

The COO detailed the heroic efforts of six (6) staff members and called on them by name: J. Fox, V. Manetti, P. Hogan, J. McHugh, and Sargent's Cook, and Craighton. All present applauded their efforts.