

*The City of Richmond Heights*

# Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.: 1 -2022  
INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Thomas and All of Council

*A Resolution of Recognition and Commendation for Police Officers Kevin Watts, Sean Lawlor and Kevin Rodriguez for Bravery and Professionalism in the Line of Duty and for Chagrin Valley Dispatch Personnel Laura Zehner, John Schnell, Bayyinah Brooks, Jonathan Marche, Tyler Cantonwine and Amber Brooks for Excellence in the Performance Of Their Duties.*

**WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2021, Cleveland Police Officer Shane Bartek, while off duty, was killed after an armed robbery involving his personal vehicle in the city of Cleveland;

**WHEREAS**, on that date Richmond Heights Police Officers Kevin Watts, Sean Lawlor and Kevin Rodriguez took over a pursuit involving Officer Shane's stolen vehicle, pursued the vehicle into the city of Euclid and apprehended and arrested the driver without incident;

**WHEREAS**, Chagrin Valley Dispatch ("CVD") Supervisors Laura Zehner and John Schnell, and Dispatchers Bayyinah Brooks, Jonathan Marche, Tyler Cantonwine and Amber Kirby played a critical role in the communications and relaying of vital information to the police officers in the pursuit and eventual apprehension of the suspect;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and all of Council desire to publicly acknowledge that the pursuit and arrest of the driver put these Richmond Heights Police Officers' lives at serious risk and that they demonstrated courage and firm resolve while maintaining calm professionalism in making this arrest, and that the officers could not have performed their duty without the excellent support of the above-named CVD personnel.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Mayor and Council of the City of Richmond Heights, on behalf of the City of Richmond Heights, its officers and citizens, do recognize and highly commend and express their most sincere gratitude and appreciation to Richmond Heights Police Officers Kevin Watts, Sean Lawlor and Kevin Rodriguez for their bravery and professionalism in the line of duty and to CVD personnel Laura Zehner, John Schnell, Bayyinah Brooks, Jonathan Marche, Tyler Cantonwine and Amber Kirby for excellence in the performance of their critical services on December 31, 2021.

Section 2: The Clerk of Council is directed to forward an original of this Resolution to each of the Police Officers and CVD personnel whose service is recognized by this Resolution of the Council of the City of Richmond Heights.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: January 11, 2022

Kim A. Thomas  
Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

APPROVED: January 11, 2022

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President of Council

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