



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 30854

RESOLUTION

R85 - 2024

Introduced by City Council and Administration on May 1, 2024

Allentown City Council dedicates and names the Allentown Fire Academy in memory of Assistant Fire Chief Christopher J, Kiskeravage.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Chris Kiskeravage began his career with the Allentown Fire department on March 25th, 1996, serving 23 years with the Allentown Fire Department before retiring as Assistant Fire Chief of Training on August 23rd, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Fire Chief Kiskeravage was instrumental in the advancement of the Allentown Fire Academy; leaving a legacy in the Lehigh Valley and beyond - during his tenure as Training Chief, he graduated nearly 200 Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton Firefighters from his academy; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Fire Chief Kiskeravage also assisted in the development of the Allentown Fire Dept Technical Rescue team, was a member of the Lehigh County Special Operations team, PA USAR Co. #3, and was a beloved instructor at both Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and Bucks County Community College.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Allentown City Council and the Administration of Mayor Matt Tuerk that the Allentown Fire Academy be hereby dedicated and named in memory of Assistant Fire Chief Christopher J, Kiskeravage.

| | Yea | Nay |
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| Candida Affa | X | |
| Ce-Ce Gerlach | | |
| Daryl Hendricks | X | |
| Santo Napoli | X | |
| Natalie Santos | X | |
| Ed Zucal | X | |
| Cynthia Y. Mota, President | | |
| TOTAL | 5 | 0 |

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30854 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 15th day of May, 2024, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Michael P. D.

 City Clerk

A grandfather, he was loved by many. Kiskeravage's legacy will continue through his family and all whom he taught during his illustrious career. During his tenure as Training Chief he graduated nearly 200 Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton Firefighters from his academy. In addition to the Allentown Fire Academy Chris was an instructor for Bucks County Community College's Fire and Public Safety program training men and women around the world (Korea, Japan, Italy, Romania,) as well as throughout the United States in EMT, Fire suppression, HAZMAT, and so much more. He belonged to Lehigh County Special Operations division, Pa. Urban Search and Rescue Co. 3, Pa State Fire Academy Instructor, and was currently employed as the 1st South Whitehall Township Fire Commissioner.

Chris dedicated his life to Family.....Both of them. Andy and the kids were #1 but the firefighters he served with and trained came in a very close second. His passion for fire education and training was unmatched, with his only goal to make the job safer for all those that follow.

There is no better way to understand Chris than as the end was nearing he told his family and friends that he wanted to teach one more class so he was donating his body to science.

Assistant Fire Chief Kiskeravage began his career with the Allentown Fire Department on March 25th, 1996. He served as a firefighter until he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief of Training on August 23rd, 2004. During his tenure as the Assistant Fire Chief of Training and throughout his firefighting career, Assistant Fire Chief Kiskeravage was a consummate professional. Not only was he instrumental in the advancement of the Allentown Fire Academy, but he also assisted in the development of the Allentown Fire Dept Technical Rescue team, was a member of the Lehigh County Special Operations team, PA USAR Co. #3, and was a beloved instructor at both Pennsylvania State Fire Academy and Bucks County Community College. After retiring from the Allentown Fire Department in 2019, he was appointed as South Whitehall Township's first full-time Fire Commissioner. He passionately taught and trained firefighters around the world (traveling to Korea, Japan, Romania, and Italy as well as within the US) teaching EMT, fire suppression, Hazmat, and more. He sadly passed away on Friday June 9th, 2023. His passion for fire education and training was evident even in death as he chose to donate his body to science as in his words "to teach one more class." Hoping to find ways to make the job safer for all who follow. As a leader, teacher, mentor, husband, father, and grandfather, he was loved by many.

Kiskeravage's legacy will continue through his family and all whom he taught during his illustrious career. I am petitioning for the City of Allentown to dedicate The Allentown Fire Academy in memory of Assistant Fire Chief Christopher J. Kiskeravage.

If approved, we would like to hold a ceremony for this dedication on June 3rd, 2024.