

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 020363)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and Congratulating Captain William Fisher, commander of the Philadelphia Police Civil Affairs Unit for being named the winner of this year's George Fencil Award.

WHEREAS, William Fisher, who was born and bred in the City of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Roman Catholic High School and the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Since his appointment to the Police Department in 1976, Captain Fisher has excelled in a wide range of employment assignments which laid the groundwork for a continuing career of success; and

WHEREAS, Captain Fisher began his career as an officer assigned to the 3rd Police District. He worked as a Detective and Sergeant in the old West Detectives Unit and the 12th District, located in Southwest Philadelphia. Other assignments included Internal Affairs, Management Review Bureau, TRT and the Evidence Room; and

WHEREAS, Following his appointment as Captain in 1991, Bill served in the Narcotics Unit and was later named Captain of the 4th District in 1996, thus returning to the same building in South Philadelphia where he began his career twenty years earlier; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Bill was appointed as commander of the Civil Affairs Unit, which has the primary enforcement responsibility at public assemblies, demonstrations and management-labor disputes. Its main function is to preserve peace and order, to ensure the safety of both persons and property and to protect the Constitutional rights of all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, The long, hot summer of 1998 produced a strike by Local 234 of the Transport Workers Union against SEPTA. Captain Fisher and his excellent staff received glowing commendations from eyewitnesses of this dispute for their unique sense of fairness and neutrality in dealing with all the parties involved in this potentially explosive situation; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Fisher has also supervised numerous events of local, national and international significance including the Republican National Convention and last year's Army-Navy game which was attended by President Bush amid heightened security; and

WHEREAS, After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Civil Affairs Unit was called on many times to monitor demonstrations and to insure the rights of numerous groups and individuals. Captain Fisher received accolades from numerous associations and individuals, including several Arab-American groups and the Jewish Community Relations Council describing him as a skilled professional who inspires trust and confidence in the Philadelphia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Captain Fisher and his wife, Isabella, are the proud parents of three children; Traci, William and Ryan; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we honor and congratulate Captain William Fisher, commander of the Philadelphia Police Civil Affairs Unit for being named the winner of this year's George Fencil Award.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Captain William Fisher as evidence of the sincere sentiments and recognition of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixteenth of May, 2002.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Marie B. Hauser
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kenney, DiCicco and Mariano

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, DiCicco, Mariano, Ortiz, Tasco, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Nutter, Rizzo, Cohen and Blackwell