



# Letter of Mayoral Commendation

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**HON. WM. PATRICK MADDEN**

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TROY

*September 1, 2023*

**IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF ERIC J. McMAHON**

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Fire Chief Eric J. McMahon,

As Mayor of the City of Troy, it is my honor and privilege to recognize distinguished persons and acts that better our neighborhoods and improve life for our families. In highlighting laudable and heroic conduct, we not only celebrate individuals and their acts but affirm the worth of good deeds and set a standard of excellence for others to strive for.

Today, I am writing to express my heartfelt commendation and appreciation for your heroic actions on August 23rd, 2023—actions that showcase your unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of the families in our community.

With little regard for your own health and safety, you courageously jumped into the Hudson River to rescue a woman from drowning and administered first aid until emergency medical services could arrive. Your selfless dedication to ensuring the safety of our neighbors and its manifestation in your swift response are commendable. Indeed, your actions reflect the highest standards of service and exemplify the values that the Troy Fire Department stands for.

While I know you are too humble to seek recognition for this act, make no mistake: your bravery made a significant impact on the life you saved, her loved ones and our community. Leadership is not only knowing the way and going the way, but showing the way. You are the chief of this fire department because from the time you joined as firefighter, you have led by showing the way—whether you are called to or not. You have maintained your fitness, discipline and professionalism, and act without waiting or delegating. In doing so, you epitomize the core ideals and values that every first responder should strive for.

For this leadership, our city continues to thrive and grow in times of need; our families secure in the knowledge that should they need help, there are heroes among us.

On behalf of the City of Troy, I extend my deepest gratitude to you, Chief McMahon, for your service to our neighborhoods and commitment to duty. Thank you for your incredible service to our community. Your actions remind us all of the importance of preparedness, dedication, and courage in the face of challenges, but also of the importance of the will to act.

It is an honor to have your leadership at the Troy Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Wm. Patrick Madden  
Mayor  
The City of Troy, NY