



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

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2021 FLOOD RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE

awarded to

DPW Crew Chief Matthew Crook – Storm Flooding Event



On the evening of June 25, 2021, you were notified to report back to work during a torrential downpour during which seven inches of water flooded the streets of the city and surrounding areas. The historic flooding event made worldwide news as a technical problem with the Conner Creek Pumping Station caused the system to fail. Although the local cities ran their own pumping stations, they were unable to keep up with the rainfall cascading from the sky.

The local freeway turned into a river with stranded motorists trapped in their vehicles. Phone service was interrupted as lines were down. Thousands of homes in the area were severely impacted by damage resulting from sewer water finding its way into the basements of their homes.

As the rain continued into the next day, you and other members of the Department of Public Works worked tirelessly throughout the night manning the Torrey Road Pump Station insuring that all pumps operated. Your actions showed initiative and courage in a dangerous situation. Your dedication and duty were greatly appreciated by the citizens and businesses of this community.

I agree with the Honors Board's recommendation and am hereby awarding you this 2021 Flood Recognition Certificate. You have represented the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works in the highest tradition and we are proud and honored to have you as an outstanding member of our City's team. I am authorizing that a copy of this letter be placed in your personnel file.

*Frank Schulte, Director of Public Services
City of Grosse Pointe Woods*

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