



LETTER OF THANKS

The Directors of The National Sea Rescue Institute
accord their thanks to

Adrian Fransman

From 11 to 13 April 2022, days of heavy rain across KwaZulu-Natal led to deadly floods. Particularly hard-hit were areas in and around Durban. At least 435 people died across the province, with an unknown number of people still missing as of 13 April 2022. Several thousand homes were damaged or destroyed. Critical infrastructure, including major roads, transportation, communication and electrical systems, were impacted by the flooding, and this damage greatly hampered rescue, recovery and relief efforts.

Adrian Fransman is being recognised for his courage and determination on 11 April 2022 when he and members of his NSRI Station, along with the national and local emergency services, rendered aid and assistance in multiple flood-related incidents along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline and inland caused by the heavy rainfall and devastating floods in the Durban and surrounding areas.

In particular, we acknowledge Adrian's role on Kevin Fourie's Team and his own actions in

supporting the rescue of over 200 people from a variety of predicaments during the 15 hours the Team operated along the freeway and side roads between Isipingo, Prospecton and Umgababa. Especially noteworthy is the work done by Adrian, who manned the NSRI Base with Linda Putter, while in 5cm of flood water in the Base, and took over 100 incoming distress calls for assistance, at times deeply moving and traumatic, from people desperate for help and the concomitant dispatching of rescue teams to respond to the numerous ongoing incidents from 02:30 that night through to the following day, maintaining an extensive log with constant follow-up calls to support efforts to rescue people. Exhausted, the Team stood down at 17:30.

Adrian Fransman's personal dedication that day, the aiding of persons in trouble, in known dangerous conditions, was in the very finest traditions of the National Sea Rescue Institute, which we are pleased to recognise with this Director's Letter of Thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Velloza'.

Jonathan Velloza
Chairman: Board of Directors



19 July 2024

Date