



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Presented to

Janine Rudolph

From 11 to the 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.

Janine Rudolph is being recognised for her courage and determination on 11 April 2022 when she and members of her NSRI Station, along with the national and local emergency services, rendered aid and assistance in multiple flood-related incidents. These incidents occurred along the KwaZulu-Natal coastline and inland due to heavy rainfall, resulting in devastating floods in Durban and surrounding areas.

In particular, we acknowledge Janine's part in supporting Clifford Ireland's team and her own actions responding to multiple incidents to assist people trapped in vehicles, collapsed houses and flooded buildings, including two Rottweilers, while navigating flooded roads and rock falls. Especially noteworthy is Janine's non-stop reception of voluminous incoming distress calls for assistance and the concomitant dispatching of rescue teams to respond to the numerous ongoing incidents from 15:00 that afternoon through that night to the following day, maintaining a log with constant follow-up calls to support efforts to rescue people.

Janine Rudolph's personal bravery and dedication that day, going to the aid of persons in trouble, in known dangerous conditions, without concern for her own safety, was in the very finest traditions of the National Sea Rescue Institute, which we are pleased to recognise with this Meritorious Service Award.

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

Jonathan Velloza
Chairman: Board of Directors



19 July 2024

Date