August 4, 2014
Fire department diver JJ Impink of the corps Heerhugowaard becomes unwell during the recovery of a car in the water in Kanaaldijk 46 Koedijk, municipality Langedijk. Despite resuscitation he dies on the spot.

Brandweerduiker JJ Impink van het korps Heerhugowaard raakt onwel tijdens de berging van een te water geraakte auto aan de Kanaaldijk 46 Koedijk, gemeente Langedijk. Ondanks reanimatie overlijdt hij ter plaatse.

Firefighters Diver John Impink will be missed
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HEERHUGOWAARD - Fire Heerhugowaard, Langedijk, Schermer, colleges of Heerhugowaard and Langedijk and Safety Region North Holland show in a joint press statement that they lose a firefighter friend with the death of John Impink. Diver John Impink firefighters died during efforts to complete an accident with a car to water down the Kanaaldijk in Koedijk, where a 51-year-old man from Schoorl was seriously injured.

"John Impink, Fire Friend. Sticking together at home, is the watchword in the fire. Always. But yesterday our colleague John Impink has not come back. It's the worst nightmare for a firefighting team. The blow is hard arrived. Not only in the immediate colleagues of the barracks Langedijk, Schermer and Heerhugowaard, but in all 53 stations of the Safety Noord-Holland dominated a great sense of loss. All employees of the security and municipalities are excited.

John was with his more than twenty years of experience as a very experienced
diver seen. He was for some time a very professional and enthusiastic instructor. Member of diving club Heerhugowaard and under watersportcentre ORCA. John was also an instructor at the Dutch underwater sports federation and taught in these two diving clubs.

John was always people ready and wanted to help people. That was the reason why he has registered in 2012 in the fire. In his first year he has received training fire brigade diver and he was recruited from February 2013 as a fire brigade diver."

**Condolence**

At several places in England a book of condolence can be signed for the fire department diver from Heerhugowaard. The condolence registers are located in the lobby of the town hall and the fire station in Heerhugowaard. Signature can during opening of these buildings. There is also a possibility digitally to show compassion.

**Accident**

Monday, August 4 hit a car containing the 51-year-old man from Schoorl during an evasive maneuver to water down the Kanaaldijk in Koedijk.

Several bystanders jumped into the water to help. The car is completely submerged. Two divers from the Fire Heerhugowaard diving team have taken out of the car driver. The victim is resuscitated on the side and taken to hospital. He's in intensive care.

In efforts to complete the incident fire brigade diver John Impink will die. What exactly happened is investigated. When did the firefighters on the side lost contact with the diver at any time, a fellow diver pulled him above water. Assistance to no avail. (Source: Municipality of Heerhugowaard)

**Firefighters mourns after death of fireman diver**

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The Fire in the Netherlands mourns the day after the sad incident in which a fire Koedijk diver was killed. Today hangs at half-mast the flag fire on all stations in the Netherlands. The fireman killed was a member of firefighting Heerhugowaard.

**Condolence Register**

From this afternoon (Tuesday, August 5th) can be signed a book of condolence at various locations for the deceased firefighters yesterday diver John Impink from Heerhugowaard. The condolence registers are located in the lobby of the town hall and the fire station in Heerhugowaard.

Digitally signing the condolence can here: http://www.memori.nl/john-impink
Flag half-mast
Because a fire department employee died during a deployment, the flag protocol firefighters Netherlands enters into force. This means that the fire brigade flag at half-mast is suspended from the first day after the death until the day of the funeral of the deceased firefighter at all fire stations or -posten in the Netherlands.
Inspection report presents death fire brigade diver Impink


Thursday, March 26th, 2015

Koedijk Inspection of Security and Justice presents its report on the diving accident in which Mr Hugo Waardse fire department diver John Impink was killed. This is the second investigation of the fatal accident. Earlier, Labour concluded that had made big mistakes.

John Impink (50) drowned on August 4 in a rescue operation in the North Holland Canal in Koedijk. First he saved another driver who had fallen into the water. By salvaging the vehicle went terribly wrong.

In September, the Labour came to a harsh judgment: there are major organizational and human errors made at the dive site. The Safety Noord-Holland therefore decided to take the plunge teams involved Heerhugowaard and Hoorn "out of service" until more is known about the shortcomings within the organization.

Inspection V & J has, in addition to the circumstances of the accident, also looked at the performance of the dive operation. This study would be ready in December, but was considerable delay.

This afternoon at 14.30 the inspection shall make the results public at a press conference in Alkmaar. The disclosure and presentation can be followed live via our
website. Survivors and those directly involved were yesterday informed of the findings of the report.