

Assistant City Manager
Director Frank Fernandez
City of Coral Gables Public Safety

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Re: American Heart Association GOLD Status

Director Fernandez:

This week we received the official notification from the American Heart Association that the Coral Gables Fire Department has achieved GOLD status for 2018 Mission Lifeline. The following is a quote in the congratulatory letter sent out by Jeffrey Walker, the AHA Southeastern Region Director.

“Congratulations Coral Gables Fire & Rescue on achieving 2018 Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Award Level recognition! The American Heart Association recognizes that prehospital personnel are the first providers of care to patients suffering from a STEMI heart attack and are an integral part of the STEMI system of care impacting the overall care and outcome of the patient. This achievement illustrates a commitment to providing guidelines-based care while meeting high standards of performance. Gold”

The AHA Mission Lifeline initiative stresses the improvement of care and the resulting improved survivability of out of hospital Myocardial Infarction (MI/Heart Attack) incidents. In the “pre-hospital” care setting, Mission Lifeline stresses; Early recognition and diagnosis of a MI Event including a 12 lead EKG, proper and rapid treatment of the patient, and notification and transport to the closest appropriate “STEMI” Receiving Center/Emergency Department. In addition, the measure analyzes the coordination of the EMS provider with the receiving hospital to include; the rapid assembly of a “STEMI” team upon notification from EMS and the receipt of that patient, diagnosis and determination/delivery of either (a) TPA “clot buster” drug administration or admission to the Cardiac Cath Lab for cardiac stent or cardiac catheterization.

After compiling and analyzing all the data for 2017, it was determined that Coral Gables Fire Department personnel met all benchmarks for Mission Lifeline 100% of the time.

The Mission Lifeline - GOLD recognition exemplifies the Coral Gables Fire Department's objective to provide exceptional service in emergency medical care.

I congratulate the men and women of the Coral Gables Fire Department in achieving this recognition.

Sincerely,

Marcos De La Rosa
Fire Chief
Coral Gables Fire Department

Cc: City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark