



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 25, 2018

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to John Kevin Ray who holds the title Plans Processor, recipient of the "Employee of the Month Award," for the month of September, 2018.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The nomination was submitted by Charles K. Wu who stated the following:

“John Kevin Ray has been the Plans Processor for many years in the Building Division handling the logging in and routing of permits for the Building Division. While he plays a key role in the day to day operations of the permitting function, I wanted to highlight his other role, which is departmental representative in the Emergency Operation Center. For over 10 years he has been serving as the key department contact during hurricane season. In this role, he liaisons damage assessment and rescue recon to the citywide recovery efforts; maintains staff emergency contacts; monitors hurricane preparedness supplies; provides input on the Development Services Storm Readiness and Response Plan; coordinates ARM360 training; updates NIMS training logs; reports to EOC when activated; etc.

During Hurricane Irma last year, he was in the EOC for 3 full days, after he situated his family away from the storm and left his wood frame house to the elements. As Coral Gables was also the emergency operation hub for other smaller cities in the area such as Pinecrest, South Miami and West Miami, Kevin trained them in the usage of ARM360, which enabled those cities the ability to log in real time damage assessment locations. Even post storm, Kevin took 3 more days to log in the remainder of the storm damage, property by property, into the system until completion. Coral Gables was recognized by the county as the only city that utilized this throughout the storm, and sister cities who benefited from Kevin’s help thanked him for his guidance using ARM360.

The role of hurricane preparedness involves over a hundred personnel and cooperation of numerous departments. Because of Kevin’s knowledge, expertise, and dedication, Coral Gables has the best emergency operation team that allows us to be best prepared for hurricane events. It is fitting during this Hurricane Season that we recognize this unsung hero John Kevin Ray as representative of the numerous individuals who offer their contribution and dedication for storm preparedness and recovery.”

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Employee of the Month Notification Letter**