



CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Fire Department

January 13, 2026

Division Chief Louie Fajardo
Staff

Dear Chief Fajardo.:

Congratulations! You have been selected as February's Firefighter of the Month for your meritorious display of job performance, specifically for your initiative, leadership, and dedication to the fire service beyond our borders.

Your expertise in vehicle extrication is par none. You saw your fellow firefighters in Abaco, Bahamas having a need for vital life-saving equipment and you immediately recognized the critical gap in resources and the impact it could have on future emergencies. You coordinated with a local vendor to secure a donation to ensure the island would not suffer this critical need in the future. Not only did you arrange the logistics, including shipping and delivery, you also ensured the equipment reached the island.

Your actions demonstrated exceptional professionalism, compassion, and commitment to saving lives. You are responsible, dependable, and have such a positive attitude.

The Fire Department has recognized you for your inspiring efforts and selected you as Firefighter of the Month for February 2026.

You will be formally presented as Firefighter of the Month for February at our Commission Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2026. Please plan to arrive at City Hall by 8:30 a.m.

As Firefighter of the Month, you will receive 12 additional annual leave hours.

Once again, the City of Coral Gables and the Firefighter of the Month Selection Committee congratulate you on being chosen as the Firefighter of the Month for February 2026.

Sincerely,

Marcos De La Rosa
Fire Chief

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cc: Jose Rodriguez, Interim Director of Human Resources
Mike Rocha, Video Production Manager
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Finance Department/Payroll Section