



CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Fire Department

February 22, 2024

Captain Thaddeus Ovcarich
Coral Gables Fire Department
B-Shift/Engine -1

SUBJECT: 2023 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Dear Captain Ovcarich:

Congratulations! You have been selected as the “2023 Firefighter of the Year” for your meritorious display of job performance, specifically for your actions going above and beyond for the Fire Department and the City of Coral Gables as a whole. As a tenured Officer, you have assumed the role of a mentor, developing both younger Officers and new Firefighters. Throughout most of your career, you have been the face of the Coral Gables Firefighter Benevolent Association. A civic group that you have single-handedly developed into one of the finest community outreach organizations assisting countless people throughout the community, most especially children. You consistently strive for excellence in all your endeavors.

As “Firefighter of the Year”, you will receive 40 hours of annual leave for your heroic display.

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 Year for 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. De La Rosa", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Marcos De La Rosa
Fire Chief

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cc: Deputy and Division Chiefs
Battalion Chiefs
Finance Department/Payroll Section
Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Human Resources
Fire Department/Payroll