



CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Fire Department

October 18, 2022

Lieutenant Christopher Ayala
A Shift

Dear Lieutenant Ayala:

Congratulations! You have been selected November's Firefighter of the Month for your meritorious display of job performance, specifically for your dedication and hard work to the department.

When the call goes out, our personnel continually step up when needed and you are no exception, you are extremely resourceful and helpful. You were the first in fire officer to a fire at 1301 Memorial Drive, the Cox Science Building at the University of Miami Campus on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Your decisive actions demonstrated the finest actions of a fire officer in ensuring his crew's safety while also focusing on the aspects of reducing property damage for the university. You and your crew conducted a thorough investigation of the situation and found the fire pump running and then expeditiously searched the building to find where the water was going. You were able to locate two sprinkler heads that were actively flowing water and called to chock the sprinkler heads and reduce the flow of water. During this time, you also recognized that you were in a university laboratory with an undetermined type and quantity of chemicals, and you withdrew yourself and your crew for their safety.

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 November 2022.

You will be formally presented as Firefighter of the Month for November at our Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022. 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 the Firefighter of the Month for November 2022.

Sincerely,

Marcos De La Rosa
Fire Chief

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cc: Karla Green, Director of Human Resources
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