



THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Fire Department

May 16, 2019

Battalion Chief Alejandro Garces
Battalion C

Dear Battalion Chief Garces:

Congratulations! You have been selected May's Firefighter of the Month for your outstanding display of individual initiative surpassing job requirements and for your concern for the public. On May 11, Rescue-1 was dispatched to a man down call due to a laceration. In-route to the call dispatch notified the responding unit that it was an elderly couple, and that one of them was bedridden. Upon hearing this you had dispatch attach an Engine to the call in the event forcible entry was needed. When crews arrived on the scene they had to force the door in order to be able to reach the victim and provide care. Forcing the door created damage to an already rotting door, and securing it once the call was over would be difficult. You spoke with the Elderly homeowners once the call was over, and they explained that they did not have the resources or the means to replace the door. You took it upon yourself to purchase a new door and with the assistance of D.E Jensen spent several hours installing it. This was a selfless and unsolicited act and is a testament to your commitment to serve others. The Fire Department has recognized you for your inspiring efforts and selected you as Firefighter of the Month for May 2019.

You will be formally presented as Firefighter of the Month for May 2019 at our Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Pre-meeting presentations will be held in the City Hall Courtyard promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive at the City Hall Courtyard by 8:15 a.m.

Arrangements have been made for you to be photographed by Mike Rocha, Video Production Manager. Please call him as soon as you get this letter to set up an appointment at 305-460-5521. Your portrait will be displayed in the lobby at Fire Station #1. As Firefighter of the Month, you will receive an 8 x 10 color photo and 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 May 2019.

Sincerely,


Marcos De La Rosa
Fire Chief

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cc: Karla Green, Director of Human Resources
Mike Rocha, Video Production Manager
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