City of Coral Gables
COMMISSION MEETING
March 25, 2008

ITEM TITLE:

Presentation of 25 years service pin to John Curry, Fire Department

BRIEF HISTORY:

Captain John Curry began his career with the City Beautiful as a Firefighter in March 1983. Soon after, he became a Paramedic and was assigned to Rescue. In October 2002, he transferred to Staff and was assigned to the position of Staff Lieutenant as the EMS Training Officer. Captain Curry's passion and skills for Emergency Medical Medicine played a key role in him later being assigned as the Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and EMS Captain.

As EMS Coordinator he constantly shows initiative by finding new and better ways to provide service to the citizens of Coral Gables. He is always working towards finding better techniques to help train personnel and is highly motivated when it comes to researching new EMS technologies, equipment and procedures. Furthermore, Captain Curry plays a leadership role within the EMS community in Miami-Dade County as the Chairman of the EMS Committee for the Fire Officers Association of Miami-Dade County. John is a very personable individual who has a unique way of working "across the lines." And as such, he has been a driving force behind raising the quality of EMS for all people within Miami-Dade County. He has often been referred to by his supervisors as the "go-to guy" and can always be relied upon to get the job done. Captain Curry lives by his personal motto of "Failure is not an option." In addition he demonstrates a genuine concern about the well-being of the citizens of Coral Gables and strives to help them whenever he can, both in his professional and personal life.

Captain Curry is a third generation firefighter who was born and raised in Miami. He and his wife Nina have three children who are also considering a career in the Fire and Rescue field. The City appreciates and recognizes Captain Curry's dedicated, loyal, and excellent service for the last 25 years and looks forward to a continued relationship.