



**City of Coral Gables
COMMISSION MEETING
May 12, 2015**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Chester Oms, Fire Department, recipient of the Employee of The Month Award for the month of May 2015.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The nomination comes from Division Chief Lowman, who stated the following:

"I am nominating Inspector Chester Oms as City of Coral Gables Employee of The Month. This is due to Chester's actions at approximately 10 a.m. on March 14, 2015. While off duty, Chester observed an elderly gentleman driver who had inadvertently driven on the wrong side of the barricades at a roadway construction site in Hialeah. The driver had become confused and quickly became caught in an uneven area. The car became hung up at a steep sideward angle and was in potential danger of rolling over. The driver who was somewhat disoriented, repeatedly accelerated the car trying to get it moving.

Chester exited his vehicle and approached the car and called the driver to stop accelerating and turn off the vehicle. Chester coached the elderly gentleman from the car to a safe location. Chester had also called 911 for police assistance out of concern for the driver who seemed somewhat confused about his surroundings and circumstances.

Chester's concern for the elderly gentleman, and the action he took to assure the driver's safety was exemplary. Therefore I wish to recognize Chester for his meritorious actions while off duty.

Thank You!"