



**THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
*Fire Department*

Mr. Peter Iglesias  
City Manager  
City of Coral Gables

July 30, 2019

Re: American Heart Association GOLD Status

Manager Iglesias:

This week we received the official notification from the American Heart Association that the Coral Gables Fire Department has achieved GOLD status for 2018 Mission Lifeline. The following is a quote in the congratulatory letter sent out by Jeffrey Walker, the AHA Southeastern Region Director.

*“Congratulations Coral Gables Fire & Rescue on achieving 2018 Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award Level recognition! The American Heart Association recognizes that prehospital personnel are the first providers of care to patients suffering from a STEMI heart attack and are an integral part of the STEMI system of care impacting the overall care and outcome of the patient. This achievement illustrates a commitment to providing guidelines-based care while meeting high standards of performance. Gold”*

In addition to meeting the above requirements, the Fire Department also achieved the 2018 Plus Measure. This measure recognizes the Department’s achievements in restoring circulation of adult Out-Of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest patients.

The AHA Mission Lifeline initiative emphasizes the improvement of care and the resulting improved survivability of out of hospital Myocardial Infarction (MI/Heart Attack) incidents. In the “pre-hospital” care setting, Mission Lifeline stresses; Early recognition and diagnosis of a MI Event including a 12 lead EKG, proper and rapid treatment of the patient, and notification and transport to the closest appropriate “STEMI” Receiving Center/Emergency Department. In addition, the measure analyzes the coordination of the EMS provider with the receiving hospital to include; the rapid assembly of a “STEMI” team upon notification from EMS and the receipt of that patient, diagnosis and determination/delivery of either (a) TPA “clot buster” drug administration or admission to the Cardiac Cath Lab for cardiac stent or cardiac catheterization.

After compiling and analyzing all the data for 2018, it was determined that Coral Gables Fire Department personnel met all benchmarks for Mission Lifeline-Plus recognition.

The Mission Lifeline - GOLD recognition exemplifies the Coral Gables Fire Department's objective to provide exceptional service in emergency medical care.

I congratulate the men and women of the Coral Gables Fire Department in achieving this recognition.

Sincerely,

Marcos De La Rosa  
Fire Chief  
Coral Gables Fire Department

