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Congratulations to Capt. Thad Ovcарich, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Firefighter of the Month Award," for the month of November, 2015.

Capt. Thad Ovcарich has been selected November's Firefighter of the Month for his excellence in conduct, his dependability and positive attitude. After 22 years on the job, he still displays a passion for his job and for his co-workers. In addition to performing his regular duties as Fire Captain, Capt. Ovcарich goes the extra mile serving on the Executive Board of the Coral Gables Firefighters Benevolent Association providing assistance and support to its members and their families, and to the wider community.

Capt. Ovcарich has worked for the Coral Gables Firefighters Benevolent Association for the past 15 years and served as Trustee, Treasurer, and currently as President. During his tenure in this position, Capt. Ovcарich has spearheaded efforts and assisted in setting up various fundraisers for the American Cancer Society, and for Fire Department functions (i.e. retirement ceremonies and department picnics). The Coral Gables Firefighters Benevolent Association, under Capt. Ovcарich's leadership, has sponsored various schools and youth sports activities both here in Coral Gables and in the County. In addition, Capt. Ovcарich can be counted on to disseminate department communications to active members as well as retirees.

Capt. Ovcарich is very deserving of this nomination. His unselfish attitude and service to the department and the community should be recognized.