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Jeff Devlin, Police Chief
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Re: Letter of Commendation for Officer Mike Kirkland

Chief Devlin:

It is with great honor and gratitude that I commend the heroic actions of Officer Mike Kirkland, who exemplified extraordinary courage, quick thinking, and selfless service while responding to a life-threatening emergency on his way to work.

On September 9, 2025, Officer Kirkland was the first responder to arrive at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident involving an overturned dump truck. The driver was pinned inside the vehicle against a guardrail and had sustained a traumatic leg injury, resulting in life-threatening bleeding. Without hesitation, Officer Kirkland took immediate action, applying his training and resourcefulness to provide critical medical care. Using a makeshift tourniquet, he was able to control the bleeding, a measure that very likely prevented the driver from succumbing to his injuries at the scene.

Officer Kirkland's decisive actions and medical intervention not only stabilized the patient but also directly supported the efforts of Sunrise Fire Rescue personnel upon their arrival. His quick thinking allowed fire rescue crews to safely extricate the patient and expedite transport to Broward General Medical Center, where the individual ultimately survived his injuries. Without Officer Kirkland's immediate response, the outcome of this incident could have been tragically different.

Officer Kirkland demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism, bravery, and compassion. His actions reflect great credit upon himself, the Hollywood Police Department, and the broader public safety community. He embodies the spirit of service that defines our profession, placing the welfare of others above his own, even before his shift officially began.

On behalf of Sunrise Fire Rescue and the community we serve, I extend the most profound appreciation and commendation to Officer Mike Kirkland for his heroism and life-saving performance. His exemplary conduct will not be forgotten and serves as an inspiration to all first responders.

Respectfully,

John K. McNamara
Fire Chief
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Cc: Daniel Ransone, Sunrise Chief of Police