Memorandum

To: Captain Thomas Sfraga, Driver/Operator Richard Pellegrino, Firefighter-Paramedic Kassandra Castillo, Captain Timothy Ewing, Driver Operator Angel Travieso, Firefighter-Paramedic Aaron Wohlert, Captain Joseph Friedemann, Driver/Operator Michael Hopkins, Firefighter-Paramedic Daniel Osa, Captain Adam Mendoza, Firefighter-Paramedics Mark Mullen and Myles Roger, Rescue Lieutenant James Condon, Firefighter-Paramedics Darren Greier and Nicholas Dorn, Rescue Lieutenant Brendan Babinec, Firefighter-Paramedics Michael Petrelli and Dylan Carro, Captain Pavel Karasek, Battalion Chief Daniel Gamiotea

From: John McNamara, Fire Chief

Date: September 29, 2025

Re: Firefighter of the Month – October 2025

CC: Battalion Chief Cy Egert, Battalion Chief Chris Arbos, Division Chief Noel Santiago, Deputy Chief Chris Shannon, File

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On the afternoon of September 9, 2025, Sunrise Fire Rescue Units were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident that involved extensive technical extrication and a patient suffering from traumatic injuries. Upon arrival, an off-duty Hollywood Police Officer and units from Davie Fire Rescue worked side by side with Sunrise Fire Rescue to begin the lengthy and challenging extrication process. The incident overseen by Battalion Chief Daniel Gamiotea was as technical as we have seen in quite some time. All the above-listed personnel performed admirably and efficiently in getting the patient extricated with the best chance of survival.

As Battalion Chief Gamiotea noted in his recommendation for commendation, *"...if it were not for the collective actions of bystanders (tied a makeshift torniquet with a waist belt immediately after the accident), Officer Kirkland, Davie Fire-Rescue personnel, Air 85's crew, our own personnel and the Sunrise Police Officers that provided traffic control and a helping hand on scene, I believe the patient would have experienced a less favorable outcome."*

As a result of all your efforts, it is a great privilege to recognize all of you as Firefighters of the Month for October 2025.