



Memorandum

To: Battalion Chief Daniel Larsen

From: John K. McNamara, Fire Chief

Date: July 27, 2026

Re: Firefighter of the Month – July 2026

CC: Battalion Chief Jeff Martin, Battalion Chief Chris Arbos, Division Chief Manuel Pastrana,
File

On May 2, 2026, Sunrise Fire Rescue was dispatched to a pediatric drowning at a residence, where it was advised that a five-year-old child was discovered at the bottom of the pool. Prior to the arrival of units, unbeknownst to responding crews, you were at the location in an off-duty capacity, and when made aware of what was happening, you immediately took life-saving actions.

In Battalion Chief Jeff Martin's recommendation of you as a Firefighter of the Month candidate, he stated:

"Operating alone and under highly stressful conditions, Battalion Chief Larsen demonstrated exceptional composure while providing appropriate life-saving care until the arrival of EMS. Battalion Chief Larsen was able to deliver a clear and concise patient report, which significantly contributed to the continuity of care. His ability to rapidly assess the situation, initiate effective care, and communicate critical information reflects the highest standards of our profession."

Not only do I agree with Battalion Chief Martin's assessment, I personally want to add that having to perform such actions in front of not just friends and family members of the child, but also in the presence of your own family and child, is not something anyone plans for – not even trained first responders.

As a result of your efforts, it is a great privilege to recognize you as Firefighter of the Month for July 2026.
