



Memorandum

To: Rescue Lieutenant Augustin Fernandez, Firefighter-Paramedics Edward Twist, Kyle McCaghren, Edgar Mendez

From: John McNamara, Fire Chief

Date: August 3, 2026

Re: Firefighter of the Month – August 2026

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

On July 13, 2026, Rescue 72 and Engine 72 were dispatched to a patient actively giving birth in a vehicle parked on the side of a roadway. Upon arrival, both crews immediately assessed the situation and quickly recognized that delivery was imminent. The crews provided exceptional patient care while efficiently coordinating their efforts to ensure the safety of both the mother and her yet-to-be-born child.

Rescue 72 rapidly packaged the mother for transport while continuing to monitor her condition. Just prior to arriving at the hospital, the infant was successfully delivered in the back of the rescue unit. Recognizing the complexity of potentially managing two critical patients simultaneously, the crew utilized the firefighter from the Engine to assist, allowing continuous, high-quality care to be provided to both the mother and her newborn baby.

In short, you performed it flawlessly, which helped bring a newborn into the world!

In Battalion Chief Jeff Martin's recommendation of you all being Firefighter of the Month candidates, he stated:

"The professionalism, teamwork, and performance displayed by the entire crew directly contributed to a successful outcome for both patients."

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