



City of Plantation
City Council Chambers

Subject:

Meritorious Service Award

Summary:

Background:

On November 26, 2023 at 00:31 am Plantation Fire Department was dispatched to an extrication response, car vs. tree at the intersection of South Pine Island Road and Gatehouse. At 00:35 Rescue76 (Lieutenant Jose Cruz, Crew Chief Aron Solis) arrived on scene and advised over the radio they had one car into a tree with major damage on an embankment of a canal, established command and continued all units code 3.

Battalion 96 (Stephen Blanchard) and Battalion 225 (Joseph Gennaro) arrived on scene and took over command. Battalion 96 stabilized the vehicle using endless loop and winch preventing the vehicle from siding into the water. Engine 56 (Tommy Demopoulos, Jay Jenkins) was then able to begin extricating the patient by removing the driver's door with spreaders and Jaws of Life. Engine 76 (Will Murphy, Carlos Colon, Michael Bongiorno and Jacob Achinah) deployed a hose line for exposure and assisted with the extrication. R76 was in contact with the patient explaining to her everything that was happening and reassuring her that they were taking care of her while applying a c-collar.

Members of R76, Eng.56, Eng.76 and Eng. 77 (Kevin Kasten, Gil Shoval) extricated patient onto a back board and started treating the patient. EMS 56 (Lisa Bevins) encoded to Broward General Hospital a Pre-Alert. At 1:04 am the patient, a 32 y/o female with significant injuries was transported to Broward General Medical Center as a Level 1 Trauma Alert.

All units performed their difficult tasks effectively while coordinating with each other to prevent further serious injury and minimizing member's safety.

Battalion 96 – BC Stephen Blanchard
Battalion 225 - BC Joseph Gennaro
EMS 56 – Capt. Lisa Bevins

Rescue 76 – Lt. Jose Cruz, CC Aron Solis

Engine 56 – Tom Demopoulos, Jay Jenkins

Engine 76 – Will Murphy, Carlos Colon, Michael Bongiorno, Jacob Achinah

Engine 77 – Kevin Kasten, Gil Shoval

If crews are short is because those members are no longer with the department.

Funding:

Amount:

Finance Director/Budget Manager Recommendation:

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ATTACHMENTS: