



City of Hollywood, Florida
Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department

"EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION" NOMINATION FORM

Nominee:	Captain Anthony Vera
Award Type:	Medal of Valor

The Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department's "Employee Recognition Program" offers an opportunity for peers to acknowledge each other for rendering excellent service to the public or co-workers, while serving as positive role models. The guidelines attached are to be used to assist in identifying what type of award is recommended.

Reason for Nomination:

On October 7, 2023, the terrorist group Hamas and Hezbollah launched a sneak attack on Israel killing many innocent civilians and soldiers. This attack led to a war and invasion against the terrorist groups in the territory of Gaza and in the north of the country. After Israel declared war, many volunteers across the world answered the call for help and traveled to the Jewish State to lend their assistance. Among the many volunteers, one of our members stepped up with the Emergency Volunteer Program to aid Israel in their time of need. On October 13, 2023, Captain Anthony Vera traveled to the Holy Land to perform his duties as a firefighter in a country riddled with conflict. After landing in Tel Aviv, Captain Vera and 19 other firefighters from America were briefed on what their duties would be throughout their 2-week deployment. The realization would sink in very quickly to the seriousness of the situation as air raid sirens would sound, and they would all have to take refuge in bomb shelters while rockets flew overhead. Unfortunately, this was a sound that he would hear many times throughout his time there. Captain Vera was assigned to one of the busiest stations in the City of Jerusalem. He had many close calls and performed many firefighter duties on his courageous tour of duty in one of the Holiest Cities in the world. He returned home on October 24, 2023, to relieved friends, family, and coworkers. Because of his bravery, gallantry, and courage in the presence of great danger while performing his duties in a foreign country, I would like to recommend Captain Anthony Vera for the Medal of Valor.

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Signature of Nominator

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Printed Name of Nominator

12-18-2023

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