



City of Hollywood, Florida
Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department

“EMPLOYEE/CITIZEN RECOGNITION” NOMINATION FORM

Nominee:	Dennis Waters
Division:	N/A
Job Title:	N/A
Award Type:	Second Chance/Citizens Award of Valor

Second Chance Coin – A challenge coin issued to the team of people involved in actively resuscitating a patient in cardiac arrest, utilizing best practices with protocols, and resulting in the patient walking out of the hospital neurologically intact. The persons awarded must have provided compressions, ventilations, medications, and/or leadership to play an active role in providing the patient with a second chance of a quality life. The challenge coin will also be awarded to by-standers, non-departmental employees, and the patient when possible.

Citizens Award of Valor – This award is presented to citizens who have distinguished themselves by rendering aid to others in time of need in the presence of great personal danger (fires, rescues, natural disasters, etc.).

The Hollywood Fire Department is honored to recognize one of the city’s exceptional citizens with our highest commendation for non-employees. On the afternoon of November 22, 2024, while serving as a security officer at South Broward High School, Mr. Dennis Waters witnessed a substitute teacher collapse. Acting swiftly, he assessed the situation and discovered the individual had no pulse. Drawing on his EMT training and military experience, Mr. Waters took immediate and decisive action, administering lifesaving care that stabilized the patient before the arrival of EMS personnel. His skill, composure, and dedication were instrumental in saving a life. With great pride and sincere appreciation, we present this distinguished honor to Dennis Waters.