



City of Hollywood, Florida
Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department

“Employee Recognition” Nomination Form

Nominee:	Brian Wilkie
Division:	EMS
Job Title:	Lieutenant
Award Type:	Meritorious Service Award

On August 28, Lieutenant Wilkie, along with myself and April Allen, were driving in a city vehicle enroute to a city event at the beach when a fire call was dispatched to 2201 S. Ocean Drive, a high-rise residential building. The caller reported an active kitchen fire, stating he had fallen, could not get up, and that the fire was rapidly worsening.

Lt Wilkie was monitoring the radio and reviewing additional call notes through the G2 application. Recognizing the proximity of our vehicle—just a few blocks away—we made the immediate decision to divert and respond to the emergency. We responded with lights and sirens and arrived within a minute.

Upon arrival at the building, Lieutenant Wilkie exited the vehicle without hesitation and made contact with the Operations Manager, Mr. Alexander Espino. Lt. Wilkie had no additional equipment with him. Demonstrating decisive leadership, he directed Mr. Espino to escort him to the affected apartment on the second floor. As they approached, smoke was already present in the hallway. The apartment door was locked, and without tools available to force entry, Lieutenant Wilkie kicked in the door.

Inside, he encountered moderate smoke conditions and observed flames actively burning in the kitchen near the incapacitated resident, who was lying on the floor. Without regard for his own safety, Lieutenant Wilkie, assisted by Mr. Espino, entered the apartment, pulled the resident away from the flames, and dragged him to safety.

Lieutenant Wilkie’s quick decision-making, courage, and selfless actions directly saved the resident’s life. His composure under pressure and unwavering commitment to the safety of others exemplify the highest standards of the fire service and make him highly deserving of recognition through the Meritorious Service Award.

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Signature of Nominator

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Printed Name of Nominator

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