



*City of Hollywood, Florida*  
*Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department*

**“EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION” NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee:	Christian Chaves
Division:	Operations
Job Title:	Firefighter
Award Type:	Firefighter of the Year

**Firefighter of the Year** – This award is presented to sworn personnel for rendering excellent service to the public or co-workers, while serving as positive role models throughout the prior year.

FF Chavez is being recognized as the 2024 Firefighter of the Year for his exceptional dedication, tireless work ethic, and significant contributions to our department. As the Engine FF at Station 31, he consistently goes above and beyond, not only in his daily responsibilities but also in spearheading two new fire department programs.

FF Chaves was the first firefighter to earn his drone certification and played a key role in getting the unit operational. He dedicated his personal time to attending conferences and training seminars, enhancing both his knowledge and the unit’s capabilities. His contributions to researching and developing protocols and tactics were instrumental in shaping the program. Over the past year, he trained new drone operators and facilitated the department’s transition from the Parrot to the Skydio platform.

Additionally, FF Chaves became one of the first medics to join the Hollywood SWAT Team. This year, he successfully completed SWAT tryouts and training, playing a vital role in integrating medics into the team. His ability to help implement two groundbreaking programs in a department deeply rooted in tradition is truly remarkable.

Beyond these achievements, FF Chaves continues to excel in his primary role as the FF assigned to E31. He is a dependable mentor for new firefighters, a hardworking presence at the station, and a highly skilled professional in HAZMAT, TRT, paramedicine, and firefighting. His ability to balance and excel in so many demanding roles is a testament to his unwavering dedication, extensive training, and outstanding work ethic.