



City of Hollywood, Florida
Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department

“Employee Recognition” Nomination Form

Nominee:	Lt. Chris Garcia
Division:	Operations
Job Title:	Lieutenant
Award Type:	Meritorious Service Award

I am nominating Lieutenant Chris Garcia for the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his extraordinary courage, selfless service, and unwavering commitment to preserving life during an international Urban Search and Rescue deployment to Venezuela following a catastrophic earthquake.

Lieutenant Garcia deployed as a member of Florida Task Force 2 and spent eight consecutive days conducting search and rescue operations in unstable, collapsed structures while assisting victims trapped beneath earthquake debris. Throughout the deployment, he willingly operated in an environment characterized by extreme personal danger, including compromised buildings, shifting rubble, and hazardous conditions. Despite these risks, Lieutenant Garcia repeatedly placed himself in harm's way to locate, access, and rescue survivors.

His actions demonstrated exceptional bravery, professionalism, and dedication to the fire service mission. Working under physically demanding and emotionally taxing conditions, Lieutenant Garcia remained committed to saving lives while operating in an environment where every rescue required calculated risk and extraordinary courage. His willingness to perform dangerous rescue operations in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake exemplifies conduct that is clearly above and unwavering devotion to protecting human life embody the highest traditions of the fire service and make him exceptionally deserving of the Meritorious Service Award.

Nominator: Lt. Ryan Diaz

Date: 7/7/2026