



City of Hollywood, Florida
Fire Rescue and Beach Safety Department

“Employee Recognition” Nomination Form

Nominee:	Marcelo Lorenzo
Division:	Beach Safety
Job Title:	Ocean Lifeguard
Award Type:	Lifesaving Award

Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Marcelo Lorenzo’s grandparents reached out to our department to share a remarkable lifesaving incident involving Lifeguard Lorenzo while they were vacationing in Aruba. During a boating accident involving a speedboat and an inflatable tube, Lifeguard Lorenzo courageously rescued three family members, including a child.

See the account shared by his grandparents below

"On 8/11/2026, members of our family were vacation in Aruba and decided to take a speedboat towed tubing excursion. Three members of our family, daughter, son, and granddaughter were on one tube, Marcello with other family members were on a second tube alongside.

The boat pilot unfortunately took a wide turn and caused the tube with our daughter, son and granddaughter to collide at high speed with an anchored ocean-going catamaran. The entire incident was captured on video. The impact was at high speed and extremely violent and catapulted all three riders into the catamaran. Other than Marcello Lorenzo, there were no other emergency/first responders in the area, again this was open water. Marcello saw our granddaughter face down and unconscious in the water, he also realized that his severely injured father was under the catamaran holding on to the netting but was conscious. Without hesitation, and putting himself at risk dove into the water, rescued our granddaughter, started CPR to evacuate water in her stomach and lungs. Within minutes he was back into the water to pull his father to safety. Marcello continued life support until relived by local first responders.

*As a result of this catastrophic incident, our granddaughter has spinal injuries, and severe head trauma and must be medevac out by air ambulance to Miami. Marcello’s father has two broken ribs and bruised or punctured lung. Our daughter’s arm was broken in three places and needs immediate surgery. As severe of these injuries are, they would have been **far worst** if Marcello was not on scene. His actions speak volumes and reflect positively on your agency which provided him with the necessary training and professionally to demonstrate command presence and take the necessary actions.*

In the face of extreme danger, and mental duress Lifeguard Marcello Lorenzo acted with remarkable courage, quick thinking, and selflessness. His decisive actions not only safeguarded lives but also prevented further harm to members of his family. Learning of such dedication was both humbling and inspiring, and it serves as a powerful reminder of the extraordinary commitment your agency upholds every day in the training of your personnel."

Nominator: Chief Jeff Levy

Date: 8/19/2026