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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager
DATE: April 7, 2014
SUBJECT: Governor's Medal of Heroism Awarded to MBPD Officer Earl Hackworth

This Letter to the City Commission is to announce the selection of Officer Earl Hackworth by the Governor's Committee of the Medal of Heroism to receive this prestigious award. This selection was the result of Officer Hackworth's bravery in pulling an injured passenger out of a burning vehicle during a multi-vehicle traffic crash on I-95 on his way to work.

On September 1, 2013, Officer Hackworth was on his way to Miami Beach to work his midnight Patrol shift. He encountered a serious multi vehicle accident with numerous injuries on I-95. Officer Hackworth observed a person trapped inside a burning vehicle and additional people on the highway who had been ejected from the vehicle. Being the only officer on the scene at this point, he requested bystanders to assist him with redirecting traffic around the helpless patients who had been scattered across the highway. He then pulled the trapped occupant of the burning vehicle to safety and rendered first aid to the injured passengers until Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and other responding police officers arrived.

The Awards presentation will be at the Florida State Cabinet meeting on April 22, 2014 in Tallahassee, Florida. Governor Scott will be presenting the Medal of Heroism to Officer Hackworth.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Earl Hackworth receiving this prestigious honor.

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