OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 306-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

September 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Miami Beach Police Officer - First Dn Scene at Accident on I-95

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform you of recent incident. where the heroic actions by an Officer of the Miami Beach Police Department saved a number of lives.

On September 1, 2013, at approximately 9:48 p.m., Miami Beach Police Officer Earl Hackworth was on his way in to work southbound on I-95, when he came across a serious vehicular accident with multiple injuries.

Officer Hackworth observed a person trapped inside of a burning vehicle, as well as several people who had been ejected from the vehicle lying in the highway. After immediately assessing the situation, Officer Earl Hackworth took control of the scene by utilizing the only resources he had - guiding bystanders to assist him with redirecting traffic around the victims who were scattered across the highway.

Officer Hackworth proceeded to pull the trapped occupant of the burning vehicle to safety. Additional Miami Beach Police Department units arrived on the scene and blocked traffic to provide Miami Dade Fire Rescue with a safe area to treat the patients. The scene was later turned over to Florida Highway Patrol.

I want to take this opportunity to commend Officer Earl Hackworth for his heroic actions. His response to this incident, even though it was outside of our City, reflects the commitment of our police officers to ensuring public safety. Attached are some photos from the scene of the accident for your review and information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Attachments





