

Date of occurrence: March 30, 2019

Employee Name: Officer Juan Duran

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation/ Officer of the Month Nomination

Narrative:

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, Officer Juan Duran was working an extra duty job at Young Israel Congregation. While conducting a security check, Officer Duran was informed that an elderly female was choking on her food at the banquet hall. Officer Duran immediately responded to aid the victim. Upon arrival, Officer Duran quickly conducted a medical assessment of the victim. Officer Duran noticed the victim was unresponsive, was not breathing and was turning "blue". Officer Duran immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) compressions with the aid of a doctor in the crowd. After a few minutes Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived and took over the CPR compressions. The elderly female began breathing on her own again. The victim was able to regain her faculties and was subsequently transported to Mt. Sinai Hospital for further medical treatment.

The swift actions of Officer Juan Duran allowed the victim a better chance for a full recovery once she received the care she needed on scene and in the hospital. Officer Duran's actions are a clear example of his experience and dedication to his profession and the community. I commend Officer Juan Duran for his professionalism, compassion, and instantaneous reaction to a life-threatening situation. Congratulations to Officer Juan Duran as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!