



CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 2, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, Acting Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: Recognition of Division Chief Lori Williams as "Fire Marshal of the Year"

The Fire Inspectors Association of Broward County, a professional organization dedicated to providing a safe community through fire inspections, prevention, and public education, recognized Hallandale Beach Division Chief and Fire Marshal Lori Williams-Hastings as the "Fire Marshal of the Year" at their annual Holiday Luncheon in December 2018.

Division Chief Williams started her career with the City of Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue Department on December 1, 1995. She worked her way through the ranks from Inspector until her promotion to the position of Division Chief/Fire Marshal in March of 2014.

Through her career span with the City, she has been instrumental in the creation of the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), various mentorship programs, written numerous grants for public education and operations equipment, and is well respected by co-workers, developers and contractors. Division Chief Williams is responsible for the fire safety of two casinos, 39 high rise structures, and a high number of new construction. Her reputation is that of a fair, reasonable, but firm code official and has instilled these qualities in her staff, as well as her children.

Her son, Brad, is a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Fire Rescue Department; her step-daughter Susie, is a Fire Inspector with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and her daughter, Katie is a Fire Inspector with the City of Fort Lauderdale (her greatest compliment is when her daughter is described as fair and reasonable, but firm!). Division Chief Williams is the first one to lend a hand to those interested in our career as well as those already in service, looking to increase their knowledge of life safety systems and construction safety. Like all good leaders, she credits her staff for the accomplishments achieved by the Fire Prevention Bureau and continues to support them by submitting their names for awards and recognition.

With only two years left before retirement, she has not slowed down one bit. We recognize her relentless efforts and contributions to the City of Hallandale Beach and value her commitment to the public service profession.