



PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE BATTALION 2



Wellington's Top Firefighter Award Selection Committee, Village of Wellington

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I nominate Captain Robert Burns of Station 27 for the 2026 Wellington's Top Firefighter award. Captain Burns exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, leadership, and community service that this prestigious award represents.

Captain Burns has served with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR) for over 22 years, bringing a wealth of experience, dedication, and expertise to every role he has held. For the past four years, he has served at Wellington's Station 27, consistently demonstrating outstanding leadership and commitment to the residents of Wellington. His calm, decisive command presence and deep operational knowledge have made him an invaluable asset to both his crew and the community.

Prior to and during his distinguished career with PBCFR, Captain Burns honorably served 20 years in the United States Army, where he developed the discipline, technical skills, and leadership foundation that continue to define his service today. In addition to his operational duties, he has made significant contributions to the fire service through education. He taught for five years at the Coral Springs Regional Institute of Public Safety and for several years at the Florida Medical Training Institute, helping to train and mentor the next generation of firefighters and emergency medical professionals.

Captain Burns combines the rare qualities of a battle-tested leader, a skilled firefighter, and a passionate educator. His long-term commitment to excellence, his direct service to the Village of Wellington, and his broader impact on the fire service make him exceptionally deserving of recognition as Wellington's Top Firefighter.

I strongly recommend Captain Robert Burns for this award and stand ready to provide any additional information the committee may require.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

Jessica Banks
EMS Captain, Battalion 2 South
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

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