



PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE BATTALION 2



Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Lieutenant Jason Haythorn as Top Firefighter for 2026.

Anyone who knows Jason knows he is an exceptional firefighter, paramedic, leader, and mentor. He is intelligent, hardworking, compassionate, and unwaveringly dedicated to both the residents we serve and the firefighters he leads. Throughout the last 6 years serving at Station 30, one of our department's busiest rescue companies, Jason has consistently demonstrated commitment to excellence in patient care, fire suppression, and professional development.

For years, Lieutenant Haythorn has played a pivotal role in training and mentoring Battalion 2 paramedics, EMTs, probationary firefighters, and future officers. He takes personal responsibility for developing those around him and for sharing the knowledge and experience he has gained throughout his career. His efforts have helped produce highly competent providers and have positively influenced countless members of our organization.

Jason continuously strives to improve himself professionally. He has earned multiple certifications, including Fire Officer II and Instructor II, and has pursued additional specialized training that directly benefits our department and the community. Beyond his normal duties, he serves as a drone operator, Public Information Officer during disasters, member of the Southeast Florida Incident Management Team, inspector, aerial operator, and rope rescue operator. He willingly accepts these additional responsibilities without hesitation and consistently performs them at a high level.

Despite his many accomplishments, Jason remains humble, approachable, and focused on serving others. He is calm under pressure, thoughtful in his decision-making, and genuinely cares about the people he serves. He takes the time to comfort patients and their families, explain complex situations, and ensure they feel heard and respected. He treats every patient as if they were a member of his own family.

Simply put, Lieutenant Haythorn embodies the very best of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. If my own family were experiencing a crisis and I could choose one person to respond, it would be Lieutenant Jason Haythorn.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Grubba, Captain
Station 30 C Shift

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