

I would like to nominate Captain David Prill for the Village of Wellington “Top Firefighter” Award for 2019. Captain Prill is the Station Officer of Station 25, A-Shift and will be retiring in October of 2019. Station 25, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and the Village of Wellington will be losing one of its greatest assets.

Dave has served over 29 years with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. He has been assigned as the Station Officer at Station 25 for the last 14 years. Prior to his career with Fire Rescue, he served the City of Opa-Locka as a Police Officer for five years. Dave has been a dedicated public servant and is an outstanding leader who is calm and cool when faced with any emergent situation. When you hear Engine 25 arrive on the scene, you know that things will be organized, carefully assessed and under control.

Through the years, Dave has mentored many young Firefighters and new Officers. He has developed and delivered training for not only his crews but also the entire department. He has an excellent knowledge of building construction which he is willing to share. This wealth of information has contributed to the abatement of countless emergencies in Wellington and the surrounding communities.

While serving as a strong leader, Dave has developed a great work atmosphere and team at Station 25. It is one of the places that the firefighters look forward to coming to work every shift. While there is no question as to who is the boss, Dave is also one of the crew. With his demonstrated leadership in the station, on the training ground and on emergency scenes, I can think of no other person who is more deserving of this award.

EMS Captain George Springthorpe

Battalion 2, A-Shift