

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE 2025-2026 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE LIEUTENANT, SERGEANT, ENGINEER, FIRE MEDIC, INSPECTOR AND UNIT OF THE YEAR

Whereas, on December 17, 1923, local volunteers established the first fire department in Indian River County; and

Whereas, over the course of the past century, the department transitioned from volunteer to career personnel; from a department crewed solely by trained Firefighters to today's crews who are dual certified in firefighting and emergency medical response as well as being trained in a multitude of specialized disaster response scenarios on both land and sea; and

Whereas, in 2021, the leadership of Indian River County Fire Rescue reinstituted the long-standing tradition of annually recognizing those among their ranks who perform their duties in a manner that: exemplifies a competency reflecting the highest of standards; supports fellow Fire medics in achieving their goals; supports the department's policies and regularly demonstrates the ability to lead or follow based upon the existing circumstances; and

Whereas, Indian River County Fire Rescue is proud to announce the award recipients for 2025-2026:

- **Fire Medic of the Year:** Luis Bustamante
- **Rescue Sergeant of the Year:** Allison Baird
- **Engineer of the Year:** Nicole Morris
- **Lieutenant of the Year:** Jason Judson
- **Unit:** Fire Rescue – Christopher Matherly, Justin Gonzalez and Julian Catalano
- **Inspector:** Alex Norat

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida that the Board supports the efforts of our Fire Rescue Department to publicly commend those members whose dedication, loyalty, productivity and professionalism have been recognized by their co-workers.

Be It Further Proclaimed that the Board of County Commissioners is grateful to all our Indian River County first responders and the valuable services they provide to the residents of our community.

Adopted this 21st day of October 2025.

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