

# CITY OF CORAL GABLES FIRE RESCUE



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### Firefighter of the year 2009

Firefighters are extraordinary individuals willing to help anyone at anytime. Among those firefighters, there are some individuals that go the extra step. Because of their voluntary efforts in the community and extracurricular Fire Department activities, special recognition needs to be given to those individuals. One such individual that deserves special recognition is Chuck Brannock.

Chuck is a Driver Engineer/Paramedic and has been with the Coral Gables Fire Department for 23 years. He is an original member of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team (Florida Task Force 2) where he was activated to go up to New York in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. During this time, he worked around the clock continuously for extended periods of time. He is also a former board member and Vice President of the Union local #1210.

His voluntary activities include: Fire Department coordinator for the past five years for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; volunteer referee for basketball tournaments at the Jewish Community Center, and speaking to children about the use of drugs at William Lehman Elementary. Brannock also volunteers as the medical person for the Killian High School Lacrosse team. According to him, the most rewarding volunteer activity that he takes part in is the Big Brother/ Big Sister Program. For the past eight years, Chuck has met with his two little brothers once a week and takes them to a variety of activities. During the summer he takes the little brothers to exciting places like Busch Gardens and Universal Studios.

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