



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-041**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

**DATE:** April 18, 2025

**SUBJECT: Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Upcoming May Events**

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This memo serves to inform the City Commission that Fort Lauderdale Fire Recue will host two events in May 2025 marking significant milestones for the department. I would like to cordially invite you to these special events, described further below.

Graduation for Recruit Class 25-01: The first event is the Cadet Class 25-01 Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We will pin our 35 newest firefighters with their badges. This is the largest recruitment class for our department since 1999 made possible in large part through an \$11.3 million FEMA SAFER Grant. This ceremony will be held at the NSU Art Museum, located at 1 East Las Olas Boulevard. Parking is available at the Riverwalk Center Parking Garage at 150 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Please RSVP to Debra Flowers at [dfowers@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:dfowers@fortlauderdale.gov) by April 30, 2025.

Medals Day Ceremony: On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, we will be holding our annual Medals Day ceremony where we celebrate and acknowledge our personnel's achievements during the previous year. Firefighters, ocean rescue lifeguards, and members of the public will be honored. In addition, we will be promoting 27 firefighters to the rank of lieutenant, furthering our ability to staff medical rescue units with three personnel. This event will be held at First Baptist Church, located at 301 East Broward Boulevard. Please RSVP to Deputy Fire Chief Robert Bacic at [rbacic@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:rbacic@fortlauderdale.gov) by April 30, 2025.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fire Chief Stephen Gollan, at [sgollan@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:sgollan@fortlauderdale.gov)

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