



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-066

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: March 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Fire Rescue Department Achieves Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) Re-Accreditation

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to share that the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Department has successfully achieved re-accreditation through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

Following a rigorous peer-review process evaluating more than 250 performance standards, FLFR underwent a comprehensive onsite assessment in December 2025 conducted by fire service professionals from across the country. As the final step, FLFR staff appeared in person for an accreditation hearing before the CFAI Board on March 11, 2026, in Orlando, Florida. After the interview and presentation, the Board voted unanimously to approve Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue for accredited status.

Accreditation is not a one-time achievement, it is an ongoing commitment to evaluating performance, strengthening operations, and seeking new ways to enhance the services we provide to the residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue has once again demonstrated that it is leading the way in public safety and setting the standard for excellence in the fire service.

This accomplishment is especially significant as it marks the third consecutive time FLFR has earned this prestigious designation. Maintaining accreditation over multiple cycles demonstrates a culture of excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement. Achieving re-accreditation reinforces FLFR's position as one of the premier fire rescue agencies in the nation. It reflects the steadfast support of our City leadership and the daily commitment of the men and women of FLFR who serve the community with professionalism and pride.

Please join me in congratulating FLFR on this outstanding achievement.

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