

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA
2024-2025 BUDGET

FIRE

FISCAL YEAR 2024 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ **Coral Gables Fire Department Achieves Class 1 Rating:** The Fire Department took part in the evaluation process for Fire Department Community Rating Classification with representatives from Insurance Services Office (ISO). The Public Protection Classification (PPC) report indicated that the Coral Gables Fire Department will maintain the longstanding tradition of achieving an ISO Class 1 rating.

ISO determines a Fire Department's classification by utilizing a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. The schedule recognizes a community's available resources towards mitigating a first alarm structure fire. The evaluation is based on a uniform set of criteria that incorporates nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association as well as American Water Works Association. The ISO assessment takes into account three (3) major areas which are critical towards a community's ability to respond to a structure fire. The areas evaluated consist of; emergency communications, fire department operations, and water supply. The specific rating schedule; which ranges from a Class 1 to a 10, has proven to be a reliable predictor of potential fire losses in that community. An ISO classification of 1 represents exemplary Fire Department capabilities.

Coral Gables Fire Department ISO Class 1 rating places the department in a unique setting, provided that there are only 498 Class 1 Fire Departments out of 39,000 departments nationwide.

- ✓ **Groundbreaking of Fire House 4:** The Department broke ground on the much-anticipated Fire House Number 4. The station located on Sunset and 52 Avenue will enhance access and response times to areas of the city south of the Gables Waterway, specifically the communities along Old Cutler Road and the west side of the University of Miami.
- ✓ **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** The program is a community risk reduction initiative that brings lifesaving skills to our residents. Firefighters – Paramedics continue to teach skills such as CPR, AED, Stop the Bleed, and fire safety throughout our communities.

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- ✓ **Emergency Management Division:** The Coral Gables Emergency Operations Division is an integral component within the Fire Department. The structure of Emergency Management is organized to take advantage of the many interdisciplinary skills and resources that exist on an everyday basis. The city takes a participative approach to achieve the fundamentals of Emergency Management. All City Department Directors and staff coordinate efforts to achieve an effective work force.
- The Emergency Management Division maintained an active role in The Community. In line with the City's established Intern and Volunteers program, the Emergency Management Division hosted two interns associated to Florida International University (FIU). Both Interns successfully obtained employment within the Emergency Management profession with Miami Dade County.
 - Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation (F-ROC) is a new initiative, sponsored by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) that standardizes, streamlines, and simplifies the Public Assistance process. The Emergency Management Division has successfully completed the Disaster Readiness Assessment and received a validated score. This will allow the city to receive baseline upfront funding post disaster, significantly improving the reimbursement process following a disaster.
 - Professional development and best practice networking is an area that enhances the city position and emergency management capability. In support of the City's Objective to Attain world-class performance, the Emergency Management Division hosted presentations at the National Hurricane Conference and Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) Annual Conference.
- ✓ **Fire Cadet Program:** The Coral Gables Fire Department takes immense pride in its Fire Cadet Program's outstanding accomplishments. The program is designed for students currently enrolled in High School; our cadets receive training in CPR, Stop the bleed and fundamentals of firefighting. The curriculum is designed to foster leadership, teamwork, and lifesaving skills. Many of our alumni have transitioned into successful careers within the Coral Gables Fire Department and beyond, equipped with the expertise and dedication instilled during their time as cadets. This year the cadets placed in four competitions held among other cadet post throughout the State of Florida.

