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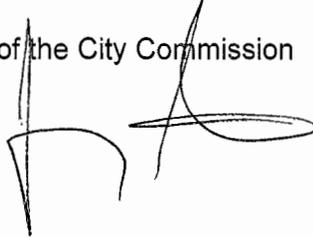
LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: May 30, 2014

SUBJECT: Ceremony for New Fire Engine



The Miami Beach Fire Department will celebrate the arrival of its new fire engine with a ceremony on **Friday, June 6, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Fire Station 3, located at 5303 Collins Avenue**. You are cordially invited to attend and be a part of this tradition. The ceremony will last approximately 45 minutes.

The new replacement fire truck for Engine 3 was acquired on May 1, 2014. The fire engine was manufactured by Pierce and features a 1500 gallon per minute water pump, a 500 HP Cummins engine, a Husky 12 Foam system, a 720 gallon water tank and a 30 gallon foam tank.

With the assistance of the Miami Beach Fire Department Honor Guard, the ceremony will include the transferring of water from "old to new". In the fire service, the act of transferring the water represents life as well as always being ready to protect. Once the water has been transferred, the new engine's sirens will sound. The ceremony will also include the housing ritual which dates back to the 1800's when horses were used to pull fire engines. The neighborhood would assist with pushing the engine backward since the horses were ineffective at doing so. All guests will be invited to help "push" the vehicle into the station.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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