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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.

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9/15/2021

RE: Emergency Medical Services Educator of the Year, via email

Steve Krivjanik, Fire Chief
Oakland Park Fire Rescue
2100 NW 39 Street
Oakland Park, Florida 33309

Dear Chief Krivjanik:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter in recognition of **Chief Monica Maldonado** for their tireless contribution to the Florida Resuscitation Academy.

A quote from one of the submissions (paraphrased), "... the Florida Resuscitation Academy has trained over 500 Fire, EMS and Hospital providers in High-Performance CPR using an organized systematic approach known as "Pit Crew." The Academy has also received grant funding through the State of Florida's EMS office to conduct five courses annually in rural areas of the state. The Academy has trained over 100 instructors as train-the-trainer for High-Performance CPR, who have brought back the training to their fire rescue/EMS agency and increased survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.

The Florida Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council has received numerous nominations in support of recognizing these efforts, and therefore has been awarded the **Florida EMS Educator of the Year**. This is an honorable award and it has been noted that no other previous award of a team has accomplished so much been recognized.

The award will be presented in conjunction with the Florida EMS Advisory Council Meetings, held in Orlando on September 30, 2021 @ 5:30 PM.

Please feel free to contact me at Thomas.dibernardo@flhealth.gov, if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas DiBernardo, CFO, CEMSO
Florida Department of Health

