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May He Rest In Peace

Officer Cesar Echaverry

Providing for the public's safety requires an indelible partnership between first responders. For firefighters to save lives & safeguard property, we need the protection of police officers. Whether we respond to house fires, cardiac arrests, or traffic accidents, first responders swiftly cooperate with one another & try mightily to protect those endangered. Although our roles differ, our purpose unites us.

This week, thousands of members of Metro-Dade Firefighters Local 1403 mourn the loss of one of Miami-Dade Police's Finest. Officer Cesar Echaverry left us too soon, and he will be missed by those who worked with him & knew him well. While "Echy" is no longer with us, his spirit for public service will inspire us as we continue going out the door to help those in need. It's what he would want us to do.

These public safety professionals – your police officers & firefighters – have a few difficult days ahead of us. Despite all our training, despite everything that could have been done, and despite all that was done by our own heroes at Jackson Memorial Hospital's Ryder Trauma Center, we will soon lay to rest one of our own - a brave man who volunteered to give his life in service to and in protection of South Florida's residents.

Our thoughts are called back to our memories of Officer Echaverry responding alongside us. Our hearts & our prayers are with his fiancé, family & friends. And we stand shoulder to shoulder, as we always have, with our brothers & sisters with the Miami-Dade Police Department.

We lost one of the good ones.

Respectfully,

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