



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month*

September 15, 2026

CFISD Police Department



L-R Compatriot Tom Jackson, CFISD School Board President Julie Hinaman, CFISD Superintendent Dr. Douglas Killian, Honoree Deputy Terrence Brooks, CFISD Police Chief Eric Mendez, Asst. Chief Shane Wallace, and Sgt Juan Ibarra. Deputy Brooks was honored with the Life Saving Commendation, as well as the Law Enforcement Commendation. All officers were presented with the Covid Heroic Service Certificates of Appreciation.

Submitted by Chief Eric Mendez:

On Friday, August 28, 2026, Officer Brooks was monitoring the lunch period in the cafeteria when a student began choking on a piece of chicken. In distress and unable to clear the obstruction, the student ran directly to Officer Brooks for assistance.

Officer Brooks immediately recognized that the student was in distress and experiencing a life-threatening medical emergency. Without hesitation, and with confidence in his training, Officer Brooks took immediate action and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the student. His intervention successfully dislodged the obstruction and allowed the student to breathe again.

The significance of Officer Brooks' actions cannot be overstated. His ability to quickly assess the situation, recognize the severity of the emergency, and take decisive action potentially saved the student's life. During a frightening and rapidly developing situation, Officer Brooks remained composed and demonstrated the training, professionalism, and sound judgment expected of a law enforcement officer.