

Key West City Commission
Mayor Johnston and Commissioners
1300 White Street
Key West, FL 33040

RE: Commendation, Captain Alex Vega (retired), Key West Fire Department

Dear Mayor Johnston and Commissioners,

We are writing this letter to request that the Key West Firehouse Museum is named to honor Alex Vega.

In 1998, retired Key West Fire Department Captain Alex Vega started the initiative to preserve Key West Fire Station #3 and convert it into a museum. He secured support to restore the firehouse and then filled it with photographs, memorabilia, vehicles and equipment from Key West fires and firefighters he had collected long before the sirens at #3 went silent.

Alex has spent most of his life listening to countless firefighters recount their experiences, combing through library archives, tracking down artifacts and memorabilia, and reaching out to retired KWFD firefighters and their families. He has carefully documented every detail he has learned for the sole purpose of sharing that knowledge with others at the museum.

Without Alex's hard work and dedication, the Key West Firehouse Museum would not exist. As a community, we should honor Alex's commitment to preserving the history of Key West fires and stories of the humble heroes that protected our beloved island.

Sincerely,

Alan and Mary Vidal
Retired firefighter