

***St. Lucie County Fire District
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**Parrish and Duran Assume Leadership Positions For
Florida Fire Chiefs Association**

***St. Lucie County Fire Chief Parrish named President and
Assistant Fire Chief Duran named Secretary/Treasurer***

St. Lucie County, FL – St. Lucie County Fire Chief Ron Parrish has been named President of the Florida Fire Chiefs Association (FFCA) and Assistant Fire Chief Carlos Duran has been named Secretary/Treasurer for the Association.

The FFCA is a voice for the fire service both in Tallahassee and Washington D.C. It advocates high standards for firefighters, officers and EMS personnel and promotes their safety through training and education. It has over 1,500 members statewide, including volunteer and career fire departments.

Chief Parrish has been with the St. Lucie County Fire District since 1985, and was named Fire Chief in 2007. As President of the Association he will be responsible for making the Association a better asset and resource for the Emergency Services Community. The Association advocates, through all means possible, safety education and knowledge of all Emergency Service personnel to enhance services provided to the community.

Chief Duran has been with the SLCFD since 1984, and has been Assistant Fire Chief since 2007. As Secretary/Treasurer he serves as part of the Executive Board of Directors for the FFCA.

Both Chief Parrish and Chief Duran have been active in the Association for several years. In addition, both have been awarded the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO) from the Commission on Professional Credentialing. They are two of only 814 CFO’s worldwide and two of four CFO’s in the St. Lucie County Fire District. The Commission awards the CFO designation only after an individual meets the organization’s stringent criteria. The process includes an assessment of the applicant’s education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession, and community involvement.

Both also graduated from a four-year Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP), administered by the United State Fire Administration and the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. The EFOP is designed for senior officers in the fire and emergency services to help them improve their leadership and management skills.

Both positions are one-year terms.