

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release



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Deputy Chief Buddy Emerson awarded “Chief Fire Officer” by the Center for Public Safety Excellence

St. Lucie County Fire District Deputy Chief completes International Professional Designation Process

St. Lucie County, FL - St. Lucie County Fire District Deputy Chief Buddy Emerson has been awarded the professional designation of “Chief Fire Officer” (CFO). The Commission on Professional Credentialing met on July 18, 2011 to officially confer the designation upon Chief Emerson. He is one of only 814 CFO’s worldwide and one of three 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.

Chief Emerson is the District’s Fire Marshal and manages the Fire Prevention Bureau (plans review, inspections, fire investigations, and public education programs), A-shift Fire/EMS Operations, and the Buildings and Grounds division.

Emerson has been with the St. Lucie County Fire District for 20 years. He received his Masters degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership from Grand Canyon University in February of this year. He is a 2009 graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1986 and is a U.S. Navy veteran.

Chief Emerson was also named Florida's Fire Marshal of the Year for 2010 by the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association and was recognized by the Governor and Cabinet in Tallahassee during this past legislative session.

Chief Emerson joins Fire Chief Ron Parrish and Assistant Fire Chief Carlos Duran as one of the three officers with CFO designation in the St. Lucie County Fire District.



Deputy Chief Buddy Emerson