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FIRE DISTRICT RECOGNIZES CITY PORT ST. LUCIE EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR RECENT ACTS OF HEROISM

St. Lucie County, FL On February 16, 2022, the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) will recognize local residents for their recent acts of heroism. As luck would have it, they happened to be in the right place at the right time. Without hesitation, they all stepped up and stepped in to help others in need.

The presentation will take place in the Commission Chambers, at 3:00 pm, during the Fire Board meeting, held at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration office, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL.

Citizen Hero Award: On January 5, Paul Lewis, an employee with the City of Port St. Lucie, noticed an A&G Concrete Pools truck swerving along Crosstown Parkway. Paul followed the truck to make sure everything was okay. Thankfully, Paul was nearby because the driver only came to a stop when he slammed into the back of a cement truck. The driver, David Edgett, had suffered a medical emergency. Paul pulled over, ran to the vehicle and noticed that David was unresponsive, so he broke the truck's window, turned off the ignition and stayed with him until paramedics arrived.

Good Samaritan Award: On February 1, Thomas Salvador, also a city employee, was driving through a Port St. Lucie neighborhood when a resident flagged him down and pointed out a brush fire that was very close to a home. As Thomas ran to see if anyone was in the house, the other resident called 911 and started spraying the fire with a nearby water hose. When Thomas found no one inside, he picked up a hose and both men worked together to keep the flames at bay and away from the home until the fire trucks arrived.

If not for the quick thinking and immediate actions by all of these individuals, both outcomes could have ended very differently.

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