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### **BYSTANDER RESCUES THREE CHILDREN FROM A BURNING VEHICLE ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT PRESENTS THE CITIZEN HERO AWARD**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL** – On Wednesday, May 16, 2022, the Fire District will honor Carl Noble for his heroic actions when he pulled three children, ages four, six, and eight from a burning vehicle.

The presentation will be at 3:00 pm, at the beginning of the Fire Board Meeting, held at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration offices, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL.

On the afternoon of February 16, Mr. Noble was picking up his granddaughter from school. As he waited in his car, he noticed smoke coming from another vehicle nearby. He got out of his car and started toward the vehicle to see if it was occupied, when he noticed the inside was filled with smoke and fire coming from the hood.

When he reached the passenger door and realized that it was locked, he saw a tiny hand on the window. He ran around to the driver side to open the door, but the flames grew bigger and hotter. As he pulled the first child out, a second child stood up and then a third. By the time he could get the third child out, the flames had engulfed the car and there was an explosion that knocked both Mr. Noble and the child to the ground.

Mr. Noble received minor injuries that were treated at the scene and the child was transported to a nearby hospital.

If not for Carl Noble's quick thinking and immediate actions the outcome could have been gravely different.

"I yelled 'is anyone in there?' and that's when I saw a child's hand at the window. At that point, my only concern was to get the child to safety." – Carl Noble

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