

**St. Lucie County Fire District  
News Release**

**Whitaker, Montoya honored by St. Lucie County Fire District**

**Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Whitaker and  
Ambulance Billing Clerk Maria Montoya Named Employees of the Quarter**

*St. Lucie County, FL* – Firefighter Kevin Whitaker was named Firefighter of the Quarter and Ambulance Billing Clerk Maria Montoya was named Civilian Employee of the Quarter by the St. Lucie County Fire District. Both were honored at a recent Fire Board Meeting.

Maria Montoya has been an asset for employees throughout the District, helping with communications to the Hispanic community. Her bilingual skills are used both in Ambulance Billing and in other communications such as Public Safety Information distributed by the Fire District. She recently identified a family in need and teamed them up with the Pilot Club of Ft. Pierce to get assistance for Christmas. Montoya has worked with the Fire District since 2006.

Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Whitaker was nominated for his work during a recent fundraiser for childhood cancer. He organized a St. Baldrick event, which involves volunteers shaving their heads to raise money. His efforts brought four barbers to donate their time to shave over 40 heads. The event raised \$9,300 in just 4 hours. Whitaker has been with the District since 2005.



Pictured, left to right, Fire Chief Ron Parrish, Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Whitaker, Ambulance Billing Clerk Maria Montoya, and Clerk-Treasurer Gary Perdew.