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### **FIRE STATION DEDICATION TO HONOR LONGTIME MEDICAL DIRECTOR Family & Friends Will Gather To Pay Tribute to Dr. Chi Chiou Liu**

HUTCHINSON ISLAND, FL – On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, the Fire District will dedicate Station No. 2 to the memory of Dr. Chi Chiou Liu. Dr. Liu was the first medical director for the St. Lucie County Fire District and served 41 years.

Beginning at 11:00 AM, Fire District Administration, Fire Board Commissioners, personnel and family members will gather at station 2 to remember Dr. Liu in a brief ceremony, followed by a light lunch. Station 2 is located on South Hutchinson Island at 855 Seaway Drive, across the street from Dr. Liu's former practice.

Dr. Liu's leadership role in EMS within our community began in the late 1970s when he approached the fire district to introduce emergency medical services and advanced life support. Because of his initiative and extensive knowledge of pre-hospital emergency care, Dr. Liu was appointed as the first medical director for the Fire District.

Dr. Liu developed the very first EMS protocols and apprenticeship program for paramedics consisting of just five (5) candidates; and when he retired, the fire district was the largest fire/EMS provider on the Treasure Coast and the largest fire district in the State of Florida.

“Dr. Liu served the citizens of St. Lucie County for over four decades as the Fire District's first Medical Director and a physician in Ft. Pierce. Every firefighter and paramedic in the Fire District has benefited by his leadership and compassion for our community and its residents. The Fire District is proud to dedicate Fire Station 2 to the memory of our founding Medical Director in the same community he lived and served in for half his life.” –Fire Chief Nate Spera

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