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## CITIZENS PERFORM CPR UNTIL FIRST RESPONDERS ARRIVE St. Lucie County Fire District presents Citizen Hero Awards

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL** – Tomorrow, August 17, 2022, the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) will recognize two local citizens for their recent lifesaving actions.

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.

On July 19, 2022, units were dispatched to a home for a possible drowning, but upon arrival, the eight-year old boy was conscious and alert, thanks to his grandmother, Regina Reed-Vaughn. The boy suffered a medical emergency while swimming in the pool and went unconscious. The grandfather, Robert Vaughn was able to pull the boy out of the pool and call for Regina, who immediately performed CPR. “Even though our response was rapid, it was the grandmother’s quick actions on scene that had a major impact on his recovery.” – Lieutenant Grover Cooper

On August 2, 2022, rescue crews responded to a motor vehicle crash in Port St. Lucie. Upon arrival, firefighters found that the restrained passenger in the car had collapsed and according to his wife, Gretchen Barry, Kevin was unconscious, unresponsive and without a pulse. Sara Smith, who happens to be an RN, was driving by and immediately went into action. “She initiated CPR and the patient regained consciousness after about 1-2 minutes of good quality CPR.” – Flight Medic Rob Newman

If not for the quick actions of both, Regina and Sara, the outcomes could have been very different in both situations.

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