

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release



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Firefighters Collect 22,731 Pounds of Food for Food Bank

St. Lucie County, FL – Firefighters collected 22,731 lbs of non perishable food for the recent One Day To Give food drive sponsored by the Van Duzer Foundation.

Fire Stations throughout St. Lucie County competed to see which station could raise the most food. Firefighters were challenged by Station #3 on Ravenswood Lane, Port St. Lucie, which brought in 2,196 lbs in last year's event, beating all the other fire stations.

Organizers expected Station #3 would be delivering a hefty amount of food, so the excitement grew as Station 3 engine pulled into the drop off point late Wednesday afternoon to deliver their contribution. Volunteers scurried to prepare to unload and weigh the food. When firefighters opened the engine's door those looking into the engine gasped as they stared at just two cans of food. Soon the gasps turned to laughter as the crowd realized a private truck pulling a horse trailer had been following Engine #3. Inside the trailer was 5,435 lbs of food from Station #3.

Coming in second in the Fire District competition was the Administration offices with 3,230 lbs. This includes the Fire Prevention Bureau, who delivered the food that day. Several other fire stations collected over 1,000 lbs and the Emergency Operations Center collected 1,862. Collections came from the firefighters and their families.



Lt. Lewis Clanton, from Fire Station #3, is hoisted on the shoulders of Scott Van Duzer and Lt. Jeff Lee in celebration of Station #3 collecting the most food of any fire station during the One Day to Give food drive. Station #3 delivered 5,435 lbs of food at the event. Clanton carries the Golden Helmet Award in recognition of the achievement.