

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release



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Gaskill and Stefani named Employee and Firefighter of the Year by St. Lucie County Fire District

St. Lucie County, FL – Linda Gaskill and Donny Stefani were recently named Civilian Employee of the Year and Firefighter of the Year, respectively, by the St. Lucie County Fire District. The two were honored at the February Fire Board Meeting.

Linda Gaskill is the Staff Assistant in the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Fire District. She has been with the District since October 1986. She has been a key member of the Big Heart Brigade, which plans and prepares Thanksgiving meals for those in St. Lucie County. She has also been a key person in the Santa's Elves program, which collects toys for children at Christmas time. She has served on several committees within the District, including the Retiree Health Trust, Sick Pool and Pension Board.

“She is dedicated to this organization and has always been professional and helpful to the public,” said Fire Chief Ron Parrish as he announced her selection as Civilian Employee of the Year.

Donny Stefani is a Firefighter/Engineer and has been with the Fire District since 2000. He is currently stationed at Fire Station #14 in St. Lucie West. He has been active in the Big Heart Brigade, the MDA “Fill the Boot” Drive, the Pink Heals Tour, the CASTLE

Memory Field, local food drives, and other charity work for the community. He serves on the Safety Committee for the Fire District.

“Donny has been active in many of the charity activities for the Fire District and for his profession,” said Chief Parrish. “He has been instrumental in getting other firefighters to participate in several community events making them very successful.”

The Fire District has 368 professional firefighters and 55 civilian employees. In 2011 the Fire District responded to 38,652 calls in St. Lucie County.