

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release

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Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season

Call 211 for a free smoke detector to be installed in your home

St. Lucie County, FL – The Home Depot, on Gatlin Blvd. in Port St. Lucie, recently donated 100 smoke detectors to the St. Lucie County Fire District. These life saving devices can be a great gift for that hard to buy for relative or friend.

In addition, the St. Lucie County Fire District, along with the 211 Call Center has a program to install smoke detectors in St. Lucie County residences. The program is funded by a Federal Grant. More than 500 smoke detectors have been installed since May, with more detectors available for installation.

In 2012, 160 civilians died from fire related incidents in Florida; 71% of those were in residential fires. In addition, statewide, 932 civilians were injured in fires, with 754 of those being in residential fires.

“If smoke detectors had been present in those homes, the likelihood of death would have significantly declined,” explained Fire Chief Ron Parrish. “In addition it is very likely that there

would have been less severe injuries. Residents would have had more time to escape and escape quickly.”

St. Lucie County residents can call the 211 Call Center to arrange for a smoke detector. The Call Center will gather information from the resident and then pass it on to the Fire District. Firefighters will arrange a time to meet the resident and install the smoke detector.

If you prefer, you can come by the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration Offices to pick up a smoke detector. The offices, located at 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, are open from 8-4:30 Monday through Friday. (Hours are subject to change during the Holidays.)

“Our objective is to have a working smoke detector in every home in St. Lucie County,” said Chief Parrish.