

***St. Lucie County Fire District  
News Release***

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**Knupp and Lentz named Employees of the Quarter for  
St. Lucie County Fire District**

*St. Lucie County, FL* – Lt. Debbie Knupp was named Firefighter of the Quarter and Scott Lentz named Employee of the Quarter by the St. Lucie County Fire District. Both were honored at the December Fire Board Meeting.

Lt. Knupp works in the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Fire District. Recently she organized the completion of smoke detectors in 80 homes in the Spanish Lakes community in Port St. Lucie.

“Lt. Knupp’s outstanding performance in Fire Prevention has allowed the District to maintain quality services while reducing staffing and funding. Her commitment to the organization and the community is apparent in her efforts both on and off duty,” said Fire Chief Ron Parrish.

Knupp is also a key player in the Fire District’s Big Heart Brigade effort, which prepared over 2400 meals for needy families in St. Lucie County this past Thanksgiving.

Scott Lentz supervises Buildings and Grounds for the Fire District. Lentz has been instrumental in overseeing the construction of Station #3 on Ravenswood Lane in Port St. Lucie as well as fire stations over the last several years. He managed work done to

harden the fire stations and better prepare the buildings to withstand hurricane winds. This work was done with money from a federal grant to the Fire District.

“Scott has saved the District thousands of dollars each year by utilizing his experience in repairing, replacing and maintaining our 20 buildings,” said Fire Chief Ron Parrish.

Lentz has taken on additional responsibility including: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) which is used by firefighters at the scene of a fire, High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter testing which is used by fire investigators after a fire, on scene support service, the inmate program, and yard services.

