

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



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### **Lobsinger, Noelke named Employee of Quarter by St. Lucie County Fire District**

*St. Lucie County, FL* – FF/Engineer Kim Lobsinger and Vehicle Maintenance Technician John Noelke were recently named Firefighter of the Quarter and Employee of the Quarter, respectively, by the St. Lucie County Fire District.

Lobsinger is a Firefighter/Engineer stationed at Fire Station #1 on Rhode Island Avenue, Ft. Pierce. She has been with the Fire District since April 1999. As an engineer, she is pump operator for the fire engine. In her nomination it was noted that she has stepped up to company officer when her lieutenant was out. Fire Station #1 is one of the busiest in the County, responding to 4690 fire and emergency medical calls last year. Lobsinger is also a member of the SLCFD Honor Guard.

“She goes well above expectations, both in her job and in the community,” said Fire Chief Ron Parrish. “She saw the need to help a family in her zone, and did so, encouraging other crew members to help. I am proud to have her on my team.”

John Noelke has been with the Fire District since January 1997. He works in one of the busiest locations – the Shop. The Fleet Maintenance crew works to keep fire engines, rescue trucks and other fire district vehicles on the road. Noelke is a specialist in truck

fabrication – taking apparatus from a standard vehicle to something which can safely hold and store fire district tools and emergency medical equipment. Noelke worked on the Tender, a 6,000 tanker which came from the Forestry Service and needed to be retrofitted to make it usable for the Fire District. That Tender was instrumental in the Fire District receiving an improved ISO rating, which lowered insurance rates for many properties in St. Lucie County.

“John was involved in creating the 9/11 memorial at the Administration offices,” explained Fire Chief Ron Parrish. “He invested time and effort to make this project a reality. He acquired donated steel from various organizations. That steel was rough and rusty, but he worked on it to make it impressive and solid – and able to support the weight of the World Trade Center piece.”

Both were recognized during the March Fire Board Meeting.



Pictured, left to right, are Chief Ron Parrish, John Noelke, and District Chief Paul Raymond.



Pictured, left to right, are Chief Ron Parrish, FF/Engineer Kim Lobsinger, and District Chief Paul Raymond.