

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

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**Maxwell Named Firefighter of the Year
by St. Lucie County Fire District**

*Lt. Maxwell has trained over 800 fire service recruits
in his 27 year career*

St. Lucie County, FL – Lt. Michael Maxwell was named Firefighter of the Year by the St. Lucie County Fire District. Maxwell has been with the Fire District since February 1983. He is currently Lieutenant in the Training & Safety Division.

“Lt. Maxwell has been in the Training & Safety Division since 2003, and in that time he has been an important part in keeping all of the St. Lucie County firefighters up-to-date on the latest fire and rescue techniques.” said Ron Parrish, Fire Chief of the St. Lucie County Fire District. “His work has kept both the firefighters and the public safer.”

Lt. Maxwell served as a Firefighter/EMT from 1983-1996, joining the Special Operation Team in 1989. He has been a Driver/Engineer and was a Lieutenant at Fire Station #8 on South Hutchinson Island from 2002-2003. In addition, he is Administrator for the Fire Explorer Post #448.

He served as a Fire Science Technology Instructor for the Indian River State College from 1990 to 2001.

He and his wife Tina have five children and five grandchildren.

The St. Lucie County Fire District is one of the largest fire departments in the state of Florida and holds a metro status distinction. The Fire District employs 430 firefighters and civilians. In 2009 crews responded to 38,192 calls – 4,519 fire related calls and 33,673 medical calls. They have 17 Fire Stations serving the 271,000 residents over 614 square miles.