

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release



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St. Lucie County Fire District Urges Residents to Participate in Vial of Life Program

St. Lucie County, FL – The St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) urges residents to participate in the Vial of Life Program. The program allows paramedics to get vital medical information quickly when you might be unable to provide it. It is a joint effort with the American Red Cross, St. Lucie Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute, and SLCFD.

Participants make a list of their current medical prescriptions and other vital information. That list is placed in a vial and taped to the top shelf of the right side of the **INSIDE** of their refrigerator. A red dot is placed on the upper left-hand corner of the **OUTSIDE** of the refrigerator, signaling to emergency personnel to look for the Vial of Life inside.

Vials are available at SLCFD fire stations or at the American Red Cross.

“The key is having a current list of vital health information and emergency contacts handy for fire-rescue,” explained Fire Chief Ron Parrish. “It will help us out and save precious time if you are having a medical emergency.”

The vital information should include:

- Your name, address and date of birth,
- Primary medical problems, prescribed medication and allergies
- Your physician's name, phone number and hospital preference
- Medicare, Medicaid and/or health insurance numbers
- Your church affiliation
- Two emergency contacts, their addresses, phone numbers and relationships to you

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