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# Press Release

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**For Immediate Release**

**Firefighters Battle Dogs to Save a Life  
Firefighters Actions Far Exceeded Normal Expectations**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL** – On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, the St. Lucie County Fire District will recognize Lieutenant Anthony Hood, Engineer Justin Harnage, and Paramedic Eric Wright for their brave and extraordinary actions during a recent call; they went above and beyond normal expectations to save a young man's life.

The presentation will take place in the Commission Chambers, at 3:00 pm, during the Fire Board meeting, held at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration office, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL.

On May 23, 2024, Quint 10 was just arriving to a public relations demo when they were dispatched to a dog attack. In route, they were informed that three large dogs were mauling a man in his early 20s and that the caller, his mother was witnessing this on her Ring camera.

As they arrived, they could see the young man "being tossed around like rag doll" (Eric Wright). Without hesitation, PM Wright grabbed a CO2 extinguisher off the truck and charged the dogs, spraying them until two of the dogs retreated inside. Eng. Harnage raced to manage the master stream and Lt Hood grabbed a hose line to keep the third dog at bay that was still in the area. PM Wright shut the door and called for the rescue crew. Lt. Hood continued to follow the dog with the hose until the patient and rescue crew were safely inside the truck.

For their outstanding efforts, PM Eric Wright will be recognized with a lifesaving award, while Lt. Anthony Hood and Eng Justin Harnage will be recognized with meritorious awards at the Fire Board meeting this month.

"We are immensely proud to honor Lt Hood, Eng. Harnage, and PM Eric Wright for their courage and quick thinking during this critical call. Their actions exemplify the highest standards of our district and serve as a powerful reminder of the dedication and selflessness that our firefighters demonstrate every day. It is an honor to work alongside such outstanding individuals." –Fire Chief Jeff Lee

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