

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release

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St. Lucie County Fire District Celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 11-17)

St. Lucie County, FL – Sunday, April 11 marks the beginning of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

“This week SLCFD puts a special focus on our Telecommunicator professionals. This is the time we recognize the “first” first responder, our dedicated public safety telecommunicators for their contributions towards the safety of the citizens of St. Lucie County,” said Fire Chief Ron Parrish. “Every day, numerous citizens depend on the skill, expertise and commitment of these individuals.”

The Fire District has 16 telecommunicators. Last year they dispatched 38,192 calls. These included 4,519 fire calls and 33,673 medical calls. The telecommunicators often give emergency medical dispatching, which includes CPR, birthing instructions, heat exhaustion, simple first aid and more.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week started in the mid-1980s and became an official in the early 1990s after the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. It is celebrated the second full week of April each year.