



Media Advisory

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Meet the Fire District's Newest Four-Legged First Responders
A K-9 Therapy Program funded by Vet's Helping Heroes

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL – The St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) invites the media to a special Meet & Greet event introducing its newly implemented Therapy K-9 Program. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the district's three therapy dogs—Birdie, Pierce, and Kona—along with their firefighter handlers. The program is designed to support first responders' mental wellness and assist in critical incident stress management.

Vet's Helping Heroes generously provided funding for the purchase of Pierce and Kona, as well as training for all three dogs at Dog Training Elite Treasure Coast. Representatives from both organizations will be in attendance to meet the dogs and their handlers.

When: Thursday, February 13, 2025; 10:30 AM

Where: Fire Station 14, 300 California Blvd * St. Lucie West

Who: SLCFD Therapy K-9s, Handlers & Leadership, Representatives from Vet's Helping Heroes, and Trainers from Dog Training Elite Treasure Coast

The SLCFD Therapy K-9 Program is a significant step in supporting first responders' mental health. The therapy dogs provide comfort and stress relief to firefighters and personnel, particularly after difficult emergency responses. This event offers the community and media an inside look at the program's impact and the partnerships that made it possible.

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