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Citizen Hero, Good Samaritan, Public Safety Excellence Fire District to present Awards to Citizens & Off-Duty Firefighter

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL – On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, the St. Lucie County Fire District will recognize three individuals for their outstanding courage and selflessness in critical moments. Kaylee Cole will receive the **Citizen Hero Award**, Daniel Boeckler will be honored as a **Good Samaritan**, and Lt. Michael Farrell will be presented with the **Public Safety Excellence Award**.

The awards will be presented at 3:00 p.m. during the Fire Board meeting in the Commission Chambers at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration office, located at 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL.

On **January 27, 2025**, a semi-truck driver suffered a medical emergency while traveling on Interstate 95. His truck and trailer veered off the road, traveling several yards before coming to rest in deep mud and water. Witnessing the incident, both Daniel Boeckler and Lt. Michael Farrell—who were traveling separately with their families—immediately stopped to render aid. Their swift actions and willingness to help made a critical difference in a highly challenging situation.

On **February 20, 2025**, Kaylee Cole stopped at a Walgreens with her daughter when she noticed a person on the ground in distress. Realizing the individual was not breathing, she quickly instructed her daughter to call 911 and immediately began performing CPR. When emergency crews arrived, they found Kaylee still administering CPR. The patient, who had suffered cardiac arrest, regained a pulse while in the care of first responders. Crew members credited Kaylee's quick actions and decisive intervention with making a critical difference in the emergency response.

The St. Lucie County Fire District is proud to honor these individuals for their heroic efforts. Their willingness to step in during critical moments reflects extraordinary courage and compassion, demonstrating that anyone—whether a trained professional or a bystander—can make a lifesaving difference.

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