



Media Advisory

Date June 23, 2025

RESCUED TO RESPONDER A Firefighters full-circle Journey

PORT ST LUCIE, FL – A powerful reunion is set to take place at Fire Station 14 on Thursday. Firefighter Joshua Monroig, who begins his first shift with St Lucie County Fire District on Monday, June 23, will meet face-to-face with First Responders who saved his life after a traumatic injury four years ago.

Background: On March 18, 2020, Monroig was the victim of a gunshot wound that nearly took his life. The responding crew—including Devin Sao, a paramedic who now serves with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue—called a trauma alert and coordinated air rescue, actions that ultimately helped save Monroig’s life. At the time, he had no idea this experience would set him on the path to becoming a firefighter himself.

Today, Monroig is not only a survivor—he is one of SLCFD’s newest recruits. This reunion will bring together former first responders and the patient they helped save, now turned public servant, in a full-circle moment of gratitude and inspiration.

Who: FF Joshua Monroig, FF/PM Devin Sao and members of the original response crew

When: Thursday, June 26, 2025 / 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Station 14 (300 NW California Blvd *SLW)

Why: To share an uplifting story of survival, service, and the life-changing impact of first responders.

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