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**FIREFIIGHTERS PLANNING FOR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST
LOCAL HOSPITALS TEAM UP WITH FIRE DISTRICT**

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL While most families are beginning to make travel plans for the long holiday weekend, Firefighters in St. Lucie County are preparing for the Big Heart Brigade’s annual Thanksgiving meal delivery.

The Big Heart Brigade is once again teaming up with HCA Lawnwood Hospital, Cleveland Clinic and local firefighters to feed those in need on Thanksgiving Day. At a time when many of us are focused on giving thanks for the bounty in our lives, others are feeling the pain of need and/or loneliness

Firefighters, friends and family in St. Lucie County are working around the clock prepping and cooking turkeys in anticipation of Thanksgiving morning, when over 100 volunteers will gather to package and deliver approximately 1,500 meals to local shut-ins and/or those less fortunate.

This year, over 1,000 frozen turkeys will be donated to Treasure Coast families in need and 300 turkeys will be cooked for individual meals that volunteers will deliver on Thanksgiving Day.

The Big Heart Brigade has been feeding families on the Treasure Coast since 1992 with the Fire Department families largely responsible for carrying out the mission in each county.

“The annual Thanksgiving Day meal is a way of not only feeding those who are hungry, but also a show of kindness and support to those who are feeling the pain of poverty and misfortune.” –Chris Dzadozsky, Big Heart Brigade President

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