

## *St. Lucie County Fire District News Release*



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### **St. Lucie County Fire District Supports Tunnel of Hope**

St. Lucie County Firefighters and Fire Chief Ron Parrish, joined other community leaders to form a human tunnel for children as they went back to school. The “tunnel of hope” is a way for community members to show children they have the support and encouragement of the community to succeed in the coming school year. Firefighters were sent to schools throughout the county to help “man” the tunnel and were a huge hit with the children. Tunnel of Hope is part of the Kids at Hope program, which encourages parents and adults to change the label of “kids at risk” to “kids at hope.” It is designed to help prevent truancy, suspensions, bullying, substance abuse, violence and gang involvement among school children.

