

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

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### **St. Lucie County Fire District Participates in One Day to Give**

#### ***Fire Stations competing in collecting food for the hungry***

*St. Lucie County, FL* – The 17 Fire Stations of the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) are collection points for the One Day to Give Food Drive. Neighbors are encouraged to help by bringing non-perishable food to their local Fire Station.

The Fire District has teamed up with the Van Duzer Foundation to assist in filling the pantries of local food banks. The goal for the overall drive is 100,000 pounds of food.

“Every holiday season Fire Stations are flooded with baked goods from thankful neighbors,” explained Chief Parrish. “Firefighters are very appreciative. Now we are asking those same individuals, and those who aren’t bakers, to bring in non-perishable food items to their Fire Station to help the local food banks.”

The One Day to Give is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6 and the Van Duzer Foundation, in conjunction with Big Apple Pizza Fort Pierce, will be giving away free slices of pizza beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing for 24 hours. Along with collecting food, the goal is to help raise awareness of everyday hunger in St. Lucie County.

Each Fire Station has been given a goal of 500 pounds of food and will receive free pizza if that goal is met. In an effort to make it more interesting, SLCFD Fire Chief Ron Parrish has offered the Fire Station collecting the most food, an extra holiday routine day. During a holiday routine day, firefighters report to their stations and are on duty, but are not required to conduct the usual household chores at their station.



SLCFD Firefighter/Paramedics Mark Elliott (left) and Remi Dieujuste (right) show off some of the big cans they have collected at Fire Station #14 in St. Lucie West. SLCFD Fire Stations are collected non-perishable food items from now until April 6 to help restock the local food banks. This is part of the One Day to Give community wide effort being organized by the Van Duzer Foundation.