

St. Lucie County Fire District News Release

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St. Lucie County Fire District Recognizes Local Heroes

Citizens and Sheriff's Deputies are Honored for Their Efforts to Save Life and Property

St. Lucie County, FL – The St. Lucie County Fire Board recognized local citizens and Sheriff's Deputies for three recent incidents where the individuals went above and beyond to help save either people or property.

Randy Lorgea, a pharmacist at the CVS on Port St. Lucie Blvd., near Gatlin in Port St. Lucie, was honored for his efforts to save the life of a woman who collapsed in the store on December 14. When SLCFD Rescue Crews arrived they determined the woman would probably not have survived if Mr. Lorgea had not begun CPR.

Jessica Staniec and her father Zdzislaw were recognized for their efforts to save a neighbor's home that was on fire. On Christmas Day, Staniec noticed the home on fire, ran for help and called 911. Her father used a garden hose to extinguish the fire. The neighbor was not at home at the time, and without Jessica's quick action the home could have sustained severe damage. The nomination came to the Fire District from the grateful neighbor.

In addition, a group of St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office deputies were recognized for their efforts at a January 1 trailer fire. The Sheriff's deputies included: Jeffrey Ward, Joeseph Trevisol, Clay Mangrum, Shawn Masters, and Cedric Sotomayor.

These officers were at the scene of the trailer fire before fire-rescue crews arrived. Deputies Ward and Trevisol entered the burning structure to try to save a man trapped inside. Others used fire extinguishers to assist. When heat forced Ward and Trevisol out of the structure, they continued to assist from outside, helping rescue crews carry the man out through a window.