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### **St. Lucie County Fire District Recognizes Retirees, Citizen Hero, & Honorary First Responders**

PORT ST. LUCIE – On Wednesday, August 16, 2017 the Fire District will recognize recent Retirees, a Citizen Hero, and two Honorary First Responders.

At 2:30 PM, in a brief ceremony Fire Chief Buddy Emerson will recognize 5 retirees that have recently each completed 30 or more years with the St. Lucie County Fire District- a combined total of 154 years of service.

Immediately following the recognition ceremony at 3:00 PM, the Fire Board of Commissioners will recognize Pablo Toledo with a Citizen Hero Award. On July 4th, when a vehicle drove into an apartment complex on Palm Avenue in Fort Pierce; Mr. Toledo did not hesitate to race upstairs and to the aid of an elderly resident frozen in fear. He picked her up and carried her to safety.

In addition, Fire Chief Buddy Emerson and the Fire Board will recognize 11-year old Jeremiah and 9-year old Malachi as Honorary First Responders. On July 21st, Jeremiah called 911 to report that his mother was having a medical issue. He remained calm, answered important medical information about his mother, and relayed instructions to his brother as they assisted and kept her safe until the Paramedics arrived.

*“I have answered thousands of calls during my career with the District and this young man has made an impression on myself and the 911 operator that was listening during the transfer”. –Jodi Lyke, Communications Division Supervisor.*

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