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## **For Immediate Release**

### **14- YEAR OLD RESCUES NEIGHBOR AFTER SAILBOAT CAPSIZES St. Lucie County Fire District presents the Citizen Hero Award**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL** - The St. Lucie County Fire District will recognize 14 year old, Collin Alley, as a Citizen Hero at this week's Fire Board meeting.

The presentation will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 3:00 pm, at the beginning of the Fire Board Meeting, held at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration offices, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie FL.

On February 10, Collin witnessed his neighbor, Mr. Boyle in the middle of a nearby lake hanging on to a capsized sailboat. Without hesitation, Colin (who his mother says is not a very strong swimmer) grabbed his boogie board and a life preserver from the garage and jumped into the water. After reaching his neighbor and giving him the life preserver, Colin began fighting the wind to pull the capsized sailboat and Mr. Boyle to shore.

When Station 14 arrived after being called to a possible drowning they found the patient in the water being assisted to shore by Collin and two other neighbor's that joined in the rescue.

"I saw him running towards the lake with his surfboard and a life preserver. I know he's not a gold medal Olympic swimmer, but he sure looked like one on that day. He truly deserves recognition for his courage and bravery." – Clif Boyle

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