

## **11 Year Old Awakens Family as Fire Destroys the Family Home St. Lucie County Fire District presents the Citizen Hero Award**

**St. Lucie County, FL** - The St. Lucie County Fire District will recognize 11 year old, Mya Vernon, as a Citizen Hero at this week's Fire Board meeting.

The presentation will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 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 March 1, 2019, Mya heard popping noises outside of her bedroom window. She saw a bright light outside and looked out of the window to see her dad's car on fire. She immediately got her sisters and went to her parent's bedroom to wake them. The car fire extended into the house and was moving rapidly. The family was able to exit safely, thanks to the quick and alert actions of Mya.

Firefighters arrived to find the house fully engulfed in flames. Mya's quick thinking and immediate action averted a potentially tragic outcome.

"I feel she showed great maturity and calmness with her actions and those actions saved her family." – Ed Hill, Fire Investigator