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BYSTANDERS RESCUE MAN TRAPPED IN THE WATER UNDER HIS LAWNMOWER St. Lucie County Fire District presents Citizen Hero Awards

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL - The St. Lucie County Fire District will recognize Steve Aller and Don Rinelli as a Citizen Heroes at tomorrow's Fire Board meeting.

The presentation will be on Wednesday, Oct 16, 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 October 1, Firefighters arrived on scene to find a man soaking wet and badly shaken standing on the grass next to a pond. He had been trapped under his upside down lawn mower in the water. Thanks to the swift actions and perseverance of neighbors, Steve Aller and Don Rinelli, the man was pulled to safety.

"I looked out the back of my house to see the mower upside down in the lake. I looked and could not see the man that was on the mower. I ran outside for a better look when I saw bubbles coming up from under the mower. I jumped into the lake and immediately saw the worker face down in about 3 feet of water struggling to get his head above water to get a breath". –Steve Aller

"If it weren't for the quick actions of the two individuals and their determination, the patient would have most likely have had a different outcome for the worse." – Lt. Brian Sexton, Station 6.

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