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FIRE DISTRICT

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MEN SAVE A FAMILY FROM POTENTIAL HOUSE FIRE St. Lucie County Fire District presents Citizen Hero Awards

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL - The St. Lucie County Fire District will recognize Ariyo Walker and Nicholas Gilmore as Citizen Heroes at this week's Fire Board meeting.

The presentation will be on Friday, December 20, 2019, at 11:30 am, 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.

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In the early morning hours of September 9, 2019, Ariyo and Nicholas were returning home from New York, following their escape from Hurricane Dorian. As they approached their neighborhood, Nick spotted a boat engulfed in flames at a nearby home. The boat was just inches from the house. The two men ran up the driveway and began banging on the door. The owner, a fireman with West Palm Beach Fire Rescue was on duty, so his wife and two small children were home alone.

The house only received minor damage and the family was able to make it outside to safety thanks to these two men.

"I would like to recognize these two individuals for their quick thinking and alerting my wife. Had they not alerted my wife, this could have been a very different outcome." – Andrew Craig

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