

## **Firefighters Dive into Murky Waters Looking for Survivors**

**St. Lucie County** – Fire Chief Nate Spera will present certificates of Public Safety Excellence to FF/PM Scott Adams and FF/Eng Brad Roberts today for their efforts on February 18th, in which, they dove into 10 feet of murky water in an attempt to search for survivors from a possible submerged vehicle.

The presentation will be today, Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 3:00 pm, at the Fire Board meeting held at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration offices, 5160 NW Milner Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL.

At approximately 9:15 AM, a caller reported that a vehicle had possibly crashed through a guardrail and was submerged in a canal due to auto debris they noticed on the road and in the water. The caller was a truck driver that had passed through the area less than two hours prior and at that time did not notice the car parts or guardrail damage.

First on scene was the crew of Paramedic Scott Adams and Engineer Brad Roberts, who immediately and without hesitation, dove into the water to search for survivors. Unfortunately, the murky water made visibility impossible. After several attempts of feeling around the vehicle, they could not find any openings and had to turn it over to sheriff's recovery divers.

Firefighters, Sheriff's deputies, and Florida Highway Patrol spent several hours on scene recovering the vehicle from about 10' of water. There was one fatality and no transports.