

# Fire Line



Summer, 2010

**Next Fire Board Meeting is: July 21 at 3 p.m.**

**Safety Meeting is: July 8 at 9 a.m.**

**Retirement Board Meeting is: July 15 at 2 p.m.**

**Employees' Health & Welfare Trust Meeting is: July 21 at 9 a.m.**

**Quarterly Newsletter**

If you have anything you would like covered in any upcoming issues of either newsletters, contact

Catherine Chaney, PIO at 621-3333.

## Kevin Franklin Named Florida EMT Instructor of the Year

Congratulations to Kevin Franklin for being awarded the FAEMSE (Florida Association of EMS Educators) EMT Instructor of the Year 2010.

Kevin is the Lead EMT Instructor at the Indian River State College, Ft. Pierce Campus and has played an integral part in our EMT and Paramedic Programs being one of the best in the state of Florida. His students have some of the programs highest pass rates on the National

Registry's EMT Basic Exam.

"Kevin's dedication to the College and to his students is greatly appreciated and respected amongst his colleges here in the EMS Department at Indian River State College." according to Jeff Harkcom, BS Paramedic EMT Program Coordinator/Adjunct Instructor in the Emergency Medical Services Department, IRSC.

Congratulation to Kevin for this very prestigious award that



recognizes EMS Educators from all over the state of Florida.

Kevin received his award at the Clinicon Conference on June 28, in Orlando.

## Honor Guard Golf Tournament planned for August 7

The First Annual Honor Guard Golf Tournament is planned for Saturday, August 7 at St. James Golf Club. As part of the fun -- how would you (and your crew members) like to have 15 minutes of fame? **Here's the challenge -- Sponsor a hole for \$50 and a group photo of your crew will be placed at the tee box of that hole!** If a Station wants to sponsor a hole, we'll have three group photos, one of each crew, at the tee box. If one crew wants to do it, we'll have a group photo of just that crew on the tee. No Sharpie's allowed near the finished photos!

For more information call: Anthony 772-549-0473, Tommy 772-519-0085 or Ron 561-254-1107

## News from the Chief

We are in the midst of another budget planning cycle and over the last month I have had an opportunity to travel to each of the Stations. What a great opportunity this was to visit with the troops, get a few laughs, and chit chat about the past, present and future. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Thanks for the welcoming spirit — even though it was budget review.

As I stated during my visits, I want to thank you all for what you do each and every day with the commitment that you make to the community, this service and the profession. Your efforts do not go unnoticed by myself or the senior staff.

The local economy shows some signs of

recovery, and then we see signs of it continuing to falter. Wherever we end up in the next 12-months, we can be assured that money will continue to be tight.

We are going to be facing challenging times over the next couple of years with property values having declined, leading to significant reduction in our revenue. Our revenue has declined approximately \$21 million since 2008.

These are times that none of us has seen in our careers. However, as difficult as it is, we should consider ourselves fortunate. Fortunate to be employed, many are not. Fortunate for what we have both personal and professional, many do not. These are times when



we must keep a positive attitude. Be humble, appreciative and understanding that it could be so much worse. Look around.

I am not going to get on my soap box. I truly appreciate what you do, what we do. These are unique times in which we will be required to do more with less. I am confident that together we can accomplish this.

Sincerely,

*Ron Parrish*

### 2010 Fire Board

Rufus Alexander,  
Chair  
Ft. Pierce  
City Commission  
Jack Kelly,  
Vice Chair  
Port St. Lucie  
City Council  
Christopher Cooper  
Port St. Lucie  
City Council  
Chris Dzadovsky  
St. Lucie County  
Commission  
Edward Becht  
Ft. Pierce  
City Commission  
Frannie Hutchinson,  
Governor's Appointee  
Charles Grande  
St. Lucie County  
Commission



The Fire Board joins Chief Parrish in recognizing Commissioner Doug Coward for his service to the Fire District as a Fire Board Member. Commissioner Coward was replaced on the Board by Commissioner Grande.

Remember to nominate someone for Employee or Firefighter of the Quarter.  
Email: [Employee.of.Quarter@slcfd.org](mailto:Employee.of.Quarter@slcfd.org).

## Fire District holds CPR AED Class for 111 people



FF/Paramedic Dan Mikels instructs participants on CPR methods as part of the Mass CPR AED class at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. The Fire District joined with the Jessica Clinton Foundation, Martin County Fire Rescue, and Emergency Medical Consultants to train 111 individuals in CPR and AED.

## July Birthdays

BERGERON, KEITH R
BOTTERBUSCH, DONALD L
BRIDGES, KATRINA D
BRYANT, WILLIAM D
CENTER, JUSTIN P
CONNOLLY, THOMAS F
DOONAN, EDWARD M
GAMEZ, IRAEL
HAMNER, RICHARD D
HOFFMAN, ROBERT T
HOLLANDER, SEAN T
JERGER, TONY L
KOVACH, JANEEN A
KOZAC, STEVEN S
KRAMER JR, CLEMENS E
LEE, JEFFREY S
LOBSINGER, KIMBERLY S
MARTYKA, RICHARD M
MOORE JR, WILLIAM G
MORRIS, PETER K
NOELKE, JOHN G
SAPP, RYAN G
SCHELIN, LENNART E
SMITH III, RICHARD W
SPERA, IGNATIUS
STEPHENS, WILL H
STIRRAT, KYLE M
THOMAS, ROGER F
THOMPSON, MARCUS J
TREFELNER, JAMES D
VAN DER MEULEN, DAVID S
VAUGHN, JAMES R

## Firefighter Baseball at Digital Domain Park



### St. Lucie County Fire District 2nd Annual Firefighters Family & Friends Day at Digital Domain Park! (home of the St. Lucie Mets)

## Saturday, July 31, 2010

**Adult \$15.00**  
**Children under 7 \$8.00**  
**Children under 3 free**  
**(contact Jackie for pre paid tickets!)**


vs


3:00-4:00 Fire District Softball Game  
\*\*Bounce House /Dunk Tank!\*\*  
4:00-4:45 Employee Awards Ceremony  
4:45-5:15 Slider's Birthday Kickball Game  
5:00 BBQ: *Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Grilled Chicken, baked beans, potato salad, chips, soda & water*  
6:00 Mets Game  
\*Post-Game Fireworks!\*

Concession Stand -  
10% of the Proceeds will benefit Lil' Feet, Big Heart Brigade and MDA

**RSVP**  
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### Lil' Feet Getting Ready for Shoe Giveaway in August

The Fire District will begin raising money for Lil' Feet this summer to help put shoes on children for school. The goal is 300 pairs of shoes. This year the District has teamed-up with Roundtable of St. Lucie County, the Early Learning Coalition, Kids Connected and Head Start. Each of the organizations has committed to raise money for the program. In addition, Riverside Bank is collecting donations from the public at each of the branch locations. So don't be surprised if you see a firefighter boot next time you are in the bank! The shopping day is planned for Saturday, August 7 at two selected Payless Shoesource stores, one in Ft. Pierce and the one on US 1 in Port St. Lucie.

### Training at IRSC



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For the month of June, crews participated in hydrant and humat training drills at IRSC