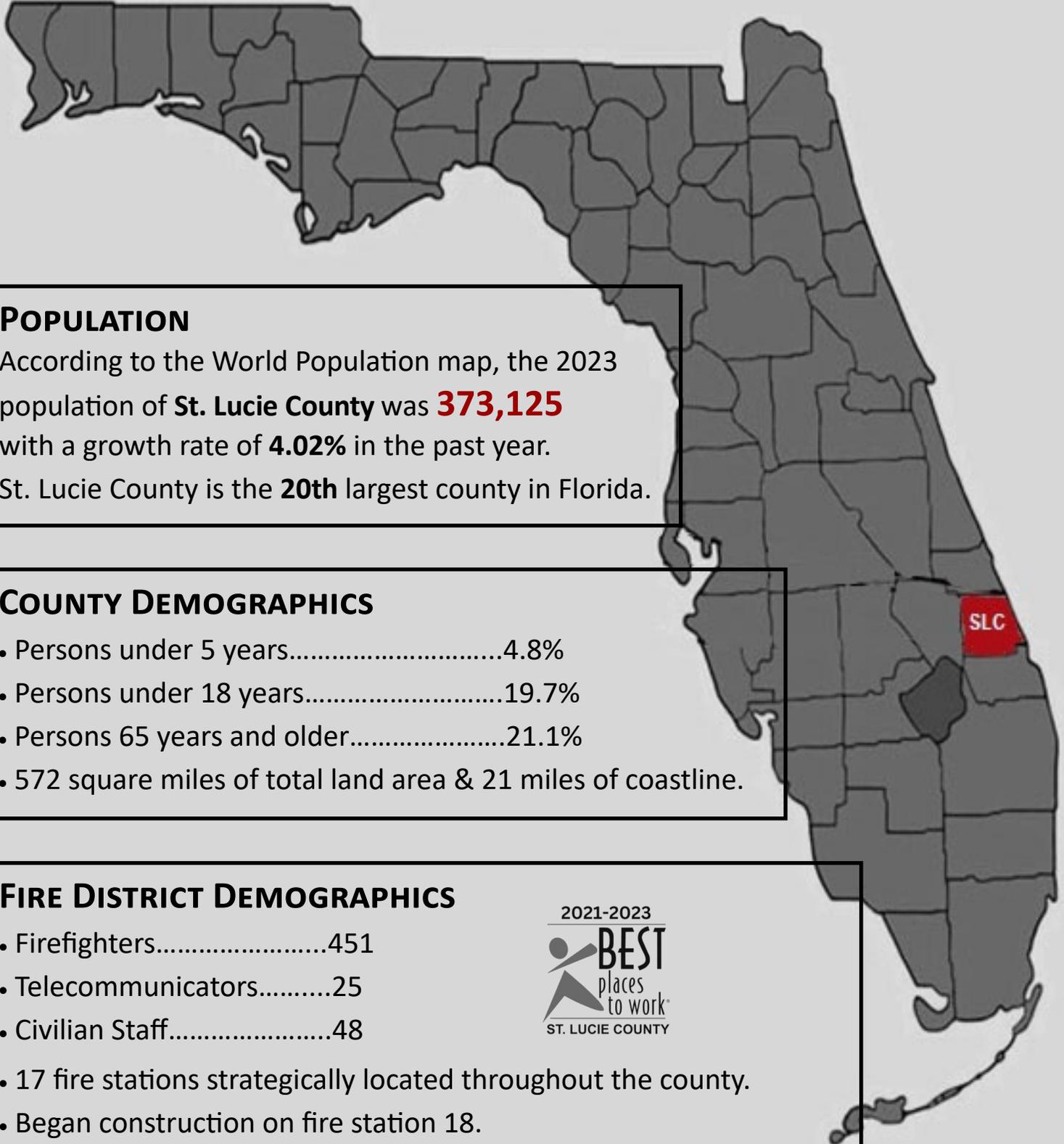


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St. Lucie County Florida



POPULATION

According to the World Population map, the 2023 population of **St. Lucie County** was **373,125** with a growth rate of **4.02%** in the past year.

St. Lucie County is the **20th** largest county in Florida.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

- Persons under 5 years.....4.8%
- Persons under 18 years.....19.7%
- Persons 65 years and older.....21.1%
- 572 square miles of total land area & 21 miles of coastline.

FIRE DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Firefighters.....451
- Telecommunicators.....25
- Civilian Staff.....48
- 17 fire stations strategically located throughout the county.
- Began construction on fire station 18.
- St. Lucie County Firefighters are dual certified as paramedics (PM) or emergency medical technicians (EMT).



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In 2023, the Fire District successfully regained agency accreditation for its second consecutive time through the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). The Fire District is the only agency on the Treasure Coast to achieve Internationally Accredited Agency Status with the CFAI and the Center for Public Safety Excellence Inc. (CPSE).



A WORD FROM THE FIRE CHIEF



Reflecting on the accomplishments of the St. Lucie County Fire District in the past year fills me with immense pride for the dedication and resilience exhibited by our family. Since stepping into the role of Fire Chief in May 2023, I have witnessed firsthand the unwavering commitment of our firefighters, paramedics, telecommunicators, and administrative staff to serve our community with excellence.

Throughout the year, we have achieved significant milestones in enhancing our emergency response capabilities, fortifying public safety, and honoring our own. We have expanded our fleet by adding two new engines, a tanker, and two brush trucks, negotiated a new employee contract, and held a dedication ceremony for Station 4 in memory of Charlie Yarborough. Additionally, we achieved accreditation through the Centers for Public Safety Excellence, improved our ISO rating from 3 to 2, broke ground on fire station #18, and implemented Tablet Command with new accountability boards to streamline operations. Furthermore, we have continued to prioritize the health and fitness of our personnel through the further development of our Peer Fitness Program.

Coupled with our ongoing community involvement initiatives like the Big Heart Brigade, LiL' Feet, and Christmas 4 Kids, our commitment to serving the community remains unparalleled.

It is hard to look back at last year and not acknowledge the CAD outage at the end of the year. It is times like that which truly test an agency, and through the remarkable resilience and dedication of the women and men in every department of the SLCFD, we ensured uninterrupted service delivery to our community.

As we look ahead to the New Year, our dedication to safeguarding the lives and property of St. Lucie County residents remains steadfast. Guided by our core values of integrity, professionalism, and compassion, we are committed to upholding our mission with unwavering dedication and excellence.

Yours In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the Fire Chief.

Mission

It is the MISSION of the St. Lucie County Fire District to preserve life and property by providing safe, efficient, and professional emergency services, community risk reduction, and public education; together with community services for our residents and visitors now and into the future.

Core Values

SAFETY

Ensuring the welfare of ourselves and those we serve.

STRATEGIC

Plan, monitor, analyze and assess the needs of the fire district.

INTEGRITY

Uphold the beliefs of being moral, ethical, loyal, and honest.

TRANSPARENT

Maintaining public trust through shared information.

PROFESSIONAL

In application, appearance, attitude and standards.

INCLUSIVITY

Everyone feels valued, welcomed, respected, included and represented.

COMMUNITY

Decision-making is based on the needs of those we serve.

TEAMWORK

Dedicated and committed to each other and our community.

FAMILY

Our motto: "Our family serving yours"

COMPASSIONATE, COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE

Deliver services in a considerate, caring and sympathetic way.

PRIDE, PASSION, PURPOSE

Display the utmost personal and ethical behavior at all times.



FIRE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



The St. Lucie County Fire District is an independent special district of the State of Florida and is separate from St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce and the City of Port St. Lucie.

The Fire District operates under the governance of a seven-member Fire Board of Commissioners, consisting of elected and appointed officials. The board is comprised of two members from the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners; two members from the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce; two members from the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie; and one member appointed by the governor of Florida.

By charter, the Fire Board must employ a Fire Chief who shall serve at the will of the board as the chief officer of the fire district. The Fire Chief shall maintain and operate all divisions of the district and enforce the laws and all rules prescribed by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with chapter 633, Florida Statutes.

The charter also requires the board to employ a Clerk-Treasurer who shall serve at the will of the board. The Clerk-Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the district and shall maintain the records of the district.

Additionally, the Fire Board employs a District Attorney to manage the legal affairs of the Fire District.

City of Fort Pierce

Linda Hudson
Curtis Johnson

City of Port St. Lucie

Stephanie Morgan - Chair
Shannon Martin

St. Lucie County

Chris Dzadoovsky - Vice Chair
Jamie Fowler

Governor's Appointee

Travis Leonard

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF & LEADERSHIP TEAM



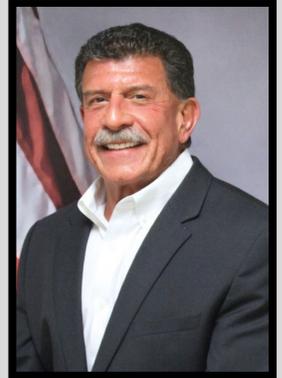
JEFF LEE
Fire Chief



KIM SABOL
Fire District Attorney



PATTY MARSTON-DUVA
Clerk Treasurer



KENNETH PALESTRANT
Medical Director



BRIAN GONZALEZ
Assistant Fire Chief



MARK CRISTALDI
Deputy Chief



PAUL LANGEL
Deputy Chief



DIVISION CHIEFS : OPERATIONS



KYLE STIRRAT
A-Shift



RYAN JAY
B-Shift



WILLIAM FRENCH
C-Shift

DIVISION CHIEFS : ADMIN



CHAD CROUSE
Day Shift



DANE VACHON
Day Shift



WAYNE BOYER
Captain / Fire Marshal



TOMMY NEIMAN
Chaplain

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



NICK WILSON

Nick is in his 19th year with the fire district. He is a Battalion Chief on days and provides direct support to the Division Chief of Operations. He is our 2023 Firefighter of the Year.

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR



PATRICK LENNON

Patrick is in his 4th year with the fire district. He is the Personal Protective Equipment Specialist and recognized nationally for his innovative decontamination techniques. He is our 2023 Support Staff of the Year.

PROMOTIONS

JANUARY

James Meyer III, Battalion Chief
 Donny Stefani, Battalion Chief
 Michael Walker, Battalion Chief
 Andres Elizondo, Captain
 Ryan Miller, Captain
 Brian Riebe, Lieutenant
 Alberto Young, Lieutenant

APRIL

Jeff Lee, Fire Chief
 David Eskew, Captain
 John Calhoun, Lieutenant
 Bradley Schorner, Engineer

MAY

Brian Gonzalez, Asst. Fire Chief
 Chad Crouse, Division Chief
 Dane Vachon, Division Chief
 Frank Haskell, Battalion Chief
 Cliff Cooper, Captain
 Matt Coney, Lieutenant
 Brian Roberts, Engineer

JUNE

Matthew Amato, Lieutenant
 Daniel Fontanals, Lieutenant
 Fred Griffin, Lieutenant
 David Sloat, Lieutenant
 Richard Smith III, Lieutenant
 Wade Tindall, Lieutenant
 Michael Dawson, Engineer

SEPTEMBER

JP Starpoli, Battalion Chief
 Nick Wilson, Battalion Chief
 Alexia French, Captain
 John King Jr, Captain
 Salomon Rincon, Captain
 Chris Bickford, Lieutenant
 Jonathan Fraga, Lieutenant
 Ryan Prussing, Lieutenant
 Jason Williams, Lieutenant
 Colton DiFrancesco, Engineer
 Ed Hill, Engineer
 Michael Farrell, Engineer

OCTOBER

Michael Battaglia, Lieutenant
 Michael Farrell, Lieutenant
 Jason Dare, Engineer
 Jada Webb, Supervisor

RELEASED PARAMEDICS

JANUARY

Shawn Bishop
 Joel Cruzado
 Jacob Harrison
 Joseph Napolitano
 Brenden Ward
 Caden Wilson

FEBRUARY

Justin Ball
 Jake Brown
 Sean Humann
 Michael Montalto

MARCH

Matthew Lamont
 Sean Laney

MAY

Robert Carter
 Layton Chambers
 Nathaniel Fuentes
 Dana Oliver
 Jesse Phillips

JUNE

Austin Blizzard
 Eduardo Dorodo
 Matthew Lamm
 Cory Stafford
 Jacob Washington

AUGUST

Eric Brandt
 Daniel Torres

SEPTEMBER

Jhnealle Gilman
 Jason Miller

OCTOBER

Eric Ballard
 Ryan Christopher
 Ana Gomez
 Jacob Phares
 Trevelle Thompson

DECEMBER

Joshua Jacobo
 Zachary Moen
 Tiffany Reid

RETIREMENTS

JANUARY

Joe Cox
 Ted Willems

APRIL

James Trefelner

MAY

Tony Jerger
 Brian Putnam
 Nate Spera

JUNE

Todd Harrison
 Jeff Kraft

JULY

John Kayda
 Ron Longchamps
 Mike Merritt

AUGUST

William Hines

OCTOBER

Martin Cooper
 David Gould
 Chris Jones

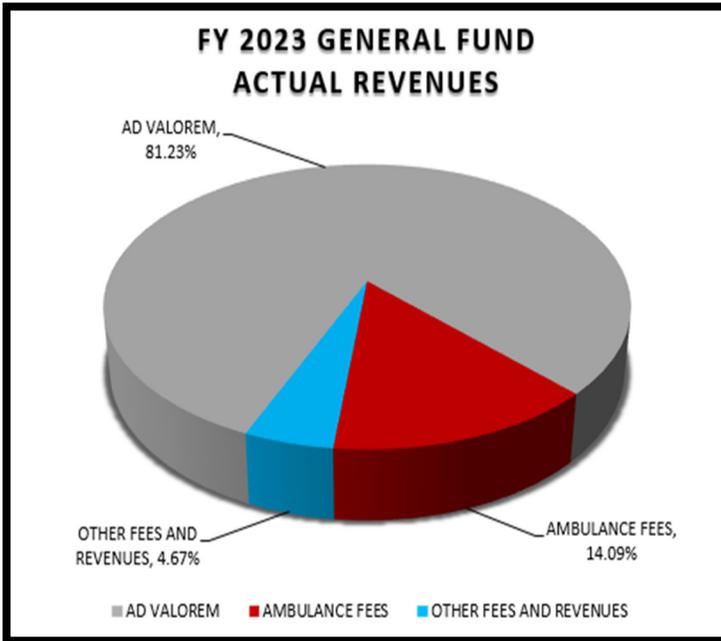
NOVEMBER

Warren Millard
 Chris Taylor

FINANCE AT A GLANCE

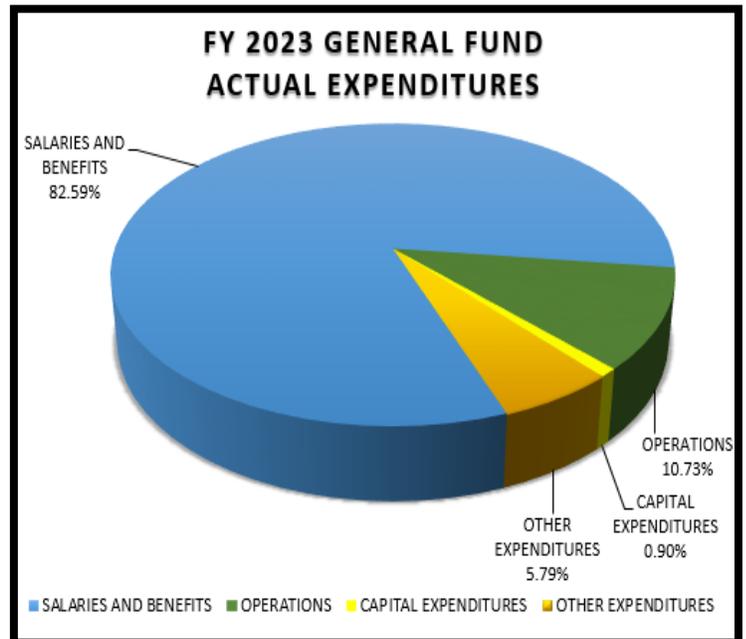
FY 2023 – Year End

The following charts reflect the fire district's revenue and expenditures for the 2023 fiscal year. Actual revenues do not include reserve fund balances, cash on hand, or transfers in. Actual expenditures do include transfers out. Due to prior accounting changes, ambulance fees now include a reduction in unallowable amounts charged to Medicare. They are no longer classified as an expenditure, as was the prior practice. These numbers are unaudited and subject to change during the fiscal year audit.



| | <u>REVENUE</u> | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Adopted</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>% of Actual</u> |
| Ad Valorem | \$ 87,728,493 | \$ 87,710,155 | 81.23% |
| Ambulance Fees | \$ 12,520,000 | \$ 15,217,687 | 14.09% |
| Other | \$ 9,419,134 | \$ 5,045,981 | 4.67% |
| Total Revenue | \$109,667,627 | \$107,973,823 | 100.00% |

| | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Adopted</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>% of Actual</u> |
| Salaries/Benefits | \$ 85,833,168 | \$ 80,290,715 | 82.59% |
| Operations | \$ 13,857,867 | \$ 10,429,113 | 10.73% |
| Capital | \$ 3,711,753 | \$ 875,635 | 0.90% |
| Other | \$ 6,264,839 | \$ 5,625,243 | 5.79% |
| Total Expenses | \$109,667,627 | \$ 97,220,706 | 100.00% |



*Note: These numbers are unaudited
 Reduced due to ambulance fee write-offs / reductions
 2022-2023 Fiscal year is October 1–September 30*

BY THE NUMBERS

DEMAND FOR SERVICE

Total Calls for Service
63,381

Emergency Medical Calls
57,271

Fire Calls
6,110

Emergency Medical
Transports

By Ground
31,974

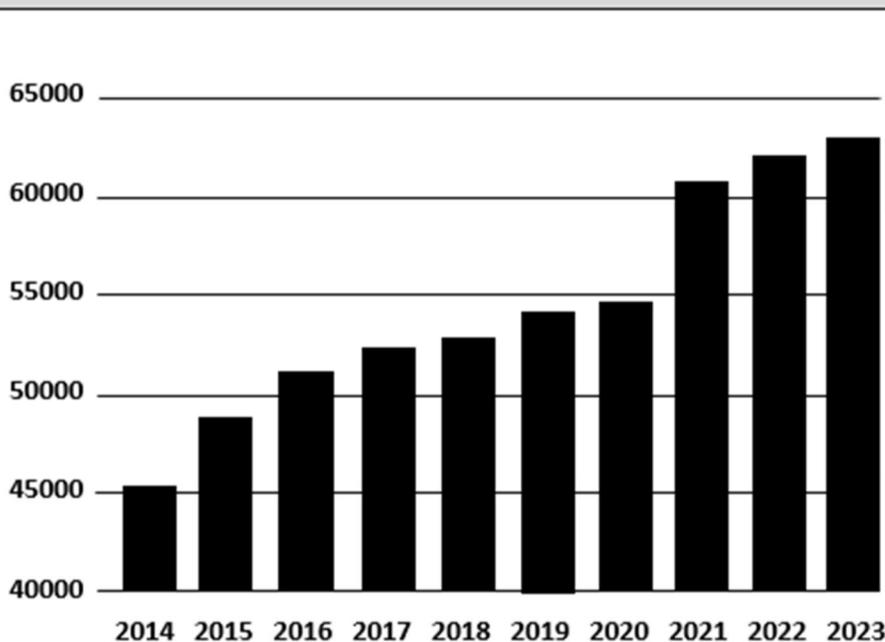
By Air
97

TRANSPORTS TO FACILITIES BY GROUND

| | |
|--|--------|
| Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital | 807 |
| Cleveland Clinic Martin Health SLW | 356 |
| Cleveland Clinic Martin North Hospital | 638 |
| Cleveland Clinic Martin South Hospital | 5 |
| Cleveland Clinic Tradition Hospital | 10,471 |
| Darwin Medical Center | 105 |
| HCA Florida Lawnwood Hospital | 18,190 |
| HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital | 7 |
| HCA Florida St. Lucie Hospital | 8,773 |
| HCA Florida Vero Beach Hospital | 57 |



COUNT OF CALLS BY YEAR



CALLS BY THE YEARS

| | |
|------|--------|
| 2014 | 45,749 |
| 2015 | 48,022 |
| 2016 | 51,935 |
| 2017 | 52,996 |
| 2018 | 53,046 |
| 2019 | 54,478 |
| 2020 | 54,618 |
| 2021 | 60,912 |
| 2022 | 62,919 |
| 2023 | 63,381 |

The communications division is manned 24 hours, 7 days a week by (4) 12-hour shifts. All Telecommunicators are required to maintain the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) certification. Furthermore, all Telecommunicators have a minimum of nine certifications and are also CPR and NIMS certified.



COMMUNICATIONS
15305 W. MIDWAY ROAD
FORT PIERCE

Manpower per shift: 5
Requests for Service: 63,381

St. Lucie County Public Safety and Communications Division of 911 is located at the Douglas M. Anderson Emergency Operations Center. The Communications Division plays an important role in the fire district, accomplishing its mission by providing the most effective emergency communications as possible. It is the nerve center of the fire district's operations and is the first point of contact for the public. It is where calls for service are received, information is obtained and transmitted to the appropriate units or stations, and where pre-arrival instructions are given through the Emergency Medical Dispatching process making the Telecommunicators the first of the first responders.



Carrie Willoughby



Jada Webb



Jeff Backus
Supervisor



Victoria Daughty
Supervisor



Roxanne Cannon



Nick Klien



Lisa DiFrancesco



Kristen Kirkus



Julie Thoman



LeeAnn Suit
Supervisor



Jodi Lyke
Coordinator



Garry Wilson
Supervisor



Megan Hamilton



Ansley Merritt



Jessica Johnson



Tiffany Saffomilla



Lisa Chan



Crystal Perez



Katina Oliveros



Tanielle Franklin



April Ross



Brittany Wolfe



Elizabeth Chandler

AIR RESCUE

3105 AIRMANS DRIVE
FORT PIERCE

Manpower per shift: 3
Requests for Service: 1,452

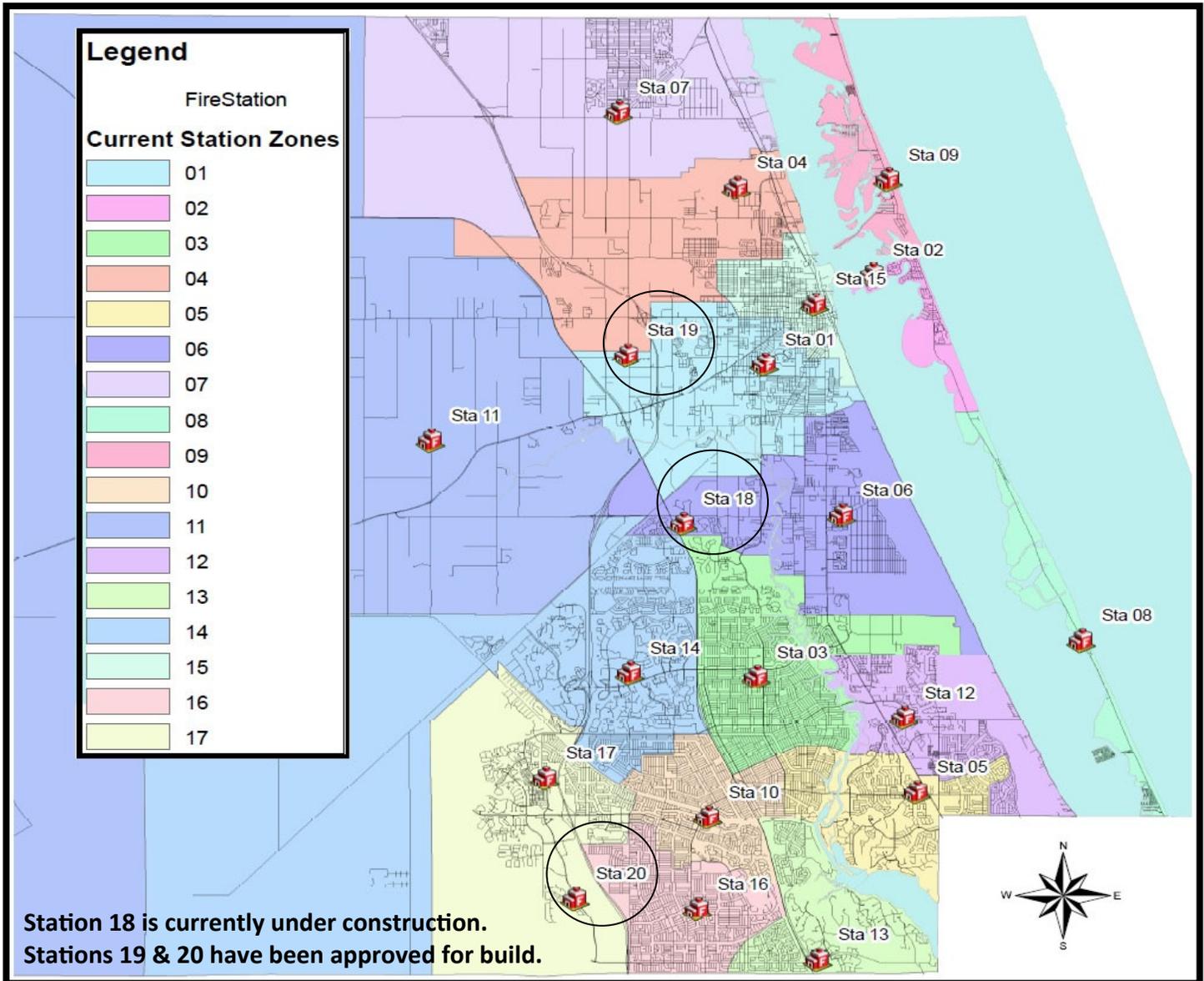
1 Eurocopter EC135



Air Rescue is stationed at the Treasure Coast International Airport. The Air Rescue Program is a partnership with the St. Lucie County Fire District and Air Methods, Inc. It was established in 2008. Under this partnership, known as St. Lucie County Air Rescue, expeditious air transport of emergent patients is provided by a highly skilled crew of three: a pilot, a dual certified critical care flight-nurse/paramedic provided by Air Methods, along with a flight-paramedic provided by the Fire District. The St. Lucie County Air Rescue Program leads the community based flight program with most flights in Region 12, which consist of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.



STATION MAP & APPARATUS PROFILE



17 Fire Stations

15 Engines

3 Quints / 75 ft. Aerial

1 Ladder / 100 ft. Aerial

2 Heavy Rescue

13 Brush Trucks

22 Rescue Trucks

4 Tankers

1 ARFF

1 Marine Unit

2 Beach Rescues

2 Detail Units

All Fire stations are manned 24 hours, 7 days a week by (3) 24-hour shifts.

All St. Lucie County Fire District firefighters are dual certified as paramedics or emergency medical technicians.

FIRE STATION

1

2400 RHODE ISLAND AVE
FORT PIERCE



Constructed in 1983, fire station 1 (also known as Central) is the only two-story fire station in the county that has a slide pole for personnel to utilize for rapid response from the second floor down to the first. In addition to single family residences, there is a very heavy volume of commercial facilities in station 1's zone, including: Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, several multistory professional buildings, several dialysis clinics, Indian River State College, seven large nursing facilities, one psychiatric hospital, six high-rise hotels and several smaller motels. There are also two industrial parks located to the West, four major truck stops and the St. Lucie County jail. Fire Station 1 response zone includes North and South US Highway 1 as well as approximately 58 miles of Florida's Turnpike & Interstate-95.



Manpower per shift: 8
Calls for Service: 9,624



- 1 Fire Engine
- 2 Rescue Trucks
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Field Training Truck

FIRE STATION

2

**855 SEAWAY DRIVE
FORT PIERCE**



Original fire station 2 was built in 1967, and in 2007 the current station was built. In 2022, the station was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Chi Chiou Liu, who was the first fire district medical director and served the community for 41 years. It was one of the first fire stations to house an Advance Life Support (ALS) ambulance. The primary response area is residential and commercial that encompasses the Port of Ft. Pierce, Intracoastal Waterway including the Inlet, Atlantic Ocean, high/mid-rise residential buildings from 2 to 21 stories, Ocean Village development, Harbour Isle development, Pelican Yacht Club and an array of small apartment complexes, hotels, motels and restaurants. The St. Lucie County Historical Museum and Aquarium, a number of high volume boat ramps and marinas are also within the response area. In addition, station 2 covers the Ft. Pierce Utility Authority Sewer Treatment Plant located on the Intracoastal and is second due to respond to the Ft. Pierce and Harbor Town Marinas as well as Florida Power & Light's (FP&L) Nuclear Power Plant on A1A.



**Manpower per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 2,306**



**1 Quint
1 Rescue Truck
1 Field Training Truck**

FIRE STATION

3

480 SW RAVENSWOOD LANE
PORT ST LUCIE



Original fire station 3 was built in 1964. In 2010, the current station was built just a few blocks southwest of the original site. In 2018, station 3 was dedicated to the memory of Lt Mark Morrison, who died while on duty in 2012. The primary response area of station 3 is residential with commercial corridors. Included in the response zone is the Prineville Water Treatment Facility for the City of Port St. Lucie, four elementary schools and one middle school. The area also includes five multifamily apartment complexes, the developed communities of St. James Country Club and River Place, a large assisted care facility as well as 16 smaller assisted care facilities. With the exception of two Publix plazas, the commercial occupancies are primarily small businesses. Also located in the response area is a light to medium use industrial park and a pumping station for natural gas.



- 1 Fire Engine
- 2 Rescue Trucks
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Battalion Truck

Manpower per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 7,935

FIRE STATION

4

**3601 INDUSTRIAL 33RD STREET
FORT PIERCE**



Fire station 4 was built in 2008 in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). In December 2023, the station was dedicated to the memory of FF/ARFF Operator Charlie Yarborough. Charlie was a 21 year veteran of the Fire District and died in 2008. Fire Station 4's response area includes residential, commercial, industrial and the Treasure Coast International Airport. The station is located at the airport and is equipped with an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) apparatus, specifically designed to respond to aviation emergencies. The response area includes small strip malls, convenience stores, boat dealerships, storage facilities, small motels and various restaurants. There are over 100 industrial businesses in the zone making it the largest in the county, and one of the most hazardous for potential fire and hazardous material threats. There are three large boat-manufacturing plants, a large automotive parts distributor, three large freight companies and one natural gas pumping station within the response area. In addition, the Florida East Coast Railroad passes through the area two to three times a day with various hazardous products.



**Manpower per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 2,789**



- 1 ARFF**
- 1 Fire Engine**
- 1 Rescue Truck**
- 1 Brush Truck**
- 1 Battalion Truck**

FIRE STATION

5

2288 DELANO ROAD
PORT ST LUCIE



Original fire station 5 was built in 1975 when the population in Port St Lucie was only 15,000. By the time the new station was built in 2020, the population exceeded 200,000. Station 5's response zone is a large established area with minimal room for growth. However, the call volume in this area has increased steadily over the years and is now amongst the busiest stations within the St. Lucie County Fire District. The response area is predominantly comprised of single family residences, with commercial occupancies along US Highway 1 and Port St. Lucie Blvd. Zone 5 has several high occupancy facilities: Call centers, Sandpiper Bay Resort, a hotel, several restaurants, Walmart Super Center, Sam's Club, several nursing homes and academic schools.



Manpower per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 4,273

- 1 Quint
- 1 Rescue Truck
- 1 Bariatric Truck
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Field Training Truck

FIRE STATION

6

**350 EAST MIDWAY ROAD
FORT PIERCE**



Original fire station 6 was built in 1975. In 2008, a more modern fire station was built to house more personnel and equipment to handle the increased call volume and responsibilities. The response area is a mix of residential and commercial as well as an abundance of high hazard facilities including fertilizer plants, LP gas distribution, the new Treasure Coast Energy Center, PVC manufacturing, as well as the Walmart distribution center and Tropicana. The response zone also includes nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and drug rehabilitation centers. There are five academic schools in the area as well. Fire Station 6 responds to the Florida's Turnpike and Interstate 95. Station 6 is part of a dual response special operations team that responds to all major special operations calls throughout the county.



- 1 Fire Engine**
- 1 Rescue Truck**
- 1 Tanker**
- 1 Brush Truck**
- 1 Heavy Rescue**
- 1 Division Truck**

**Manpower per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 5,165**



FIRE STATION

7

4900 FORT PIERCE BLVD
FORT PIERCE



Built in 1977, station 7 was built to serve the growing northern edge of the county. Once a largely seasonal call volume, in recent years the seasonal population has become year-round residents. The response area includes residential, mixed commercial and wild land. Included are FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Lakewood Park Elementary school, multiple churches, commercial buildings, a railway, water exposures, and several small assisted living facilities. There are two large manufactured home communities within the station response zone. The station boundaries include the county line to the north, Old Dixie Hwy. to the east (including some portions of St. Lucie Village area); the St. Lucie County International Airport lies in the southern portion of the Zone, and Interstate 1-95 to the west. The response zone also covers Interstate 95 from the county line south to approximately the 133-mile marker.



Manpower per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 2,931

- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Rescue Truck
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Tanker

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FIRE STATION

8

7583 SOUTH OCEAN DRIVE
JENSEN BEACH



Fire Station 8 was built in 1983. Prior to that, this area of the county was covered either by Martin County Fire Rescue or by station 2 on Seaway Drive. Within Zone 8, there are 40 residential high-rise condominiums and two large manufactured home communities (Nettles Island Resort and Holiday Out). Residents are slowly replacing their old mobile homes and manufactured homes with regularly constructed homes, but these zero lot-lined homes are usually 2 stories high, thus doubling and tripling the current fire load potential. There are also eight other smaller developments consisting of homes, townhomes and duplexes. Zone 8 has the St. Lucie County/FP&L Nuclear Power Plant within its boundaries and a water treatment plant as well as four small strip plazas, five restaurants, a few stand-alone businesses, and a golf course with country club. This zone has fourteen miles of coastline with nine public beach accesses.



Manpower per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 845



1 Fire Engine
1 Rescue Truck
1 Beach Rescue

FIRE STATION

9

3595 NORTH A1A
FORT PIERCE



Built in 1984, station 9 is located on a barrier island with only one roadway to Fort Pierce and Indian River County. It is unique in that the railroad tracks and the drawbridge offers complete isolation from additional St. Lucie County Fire District resources. With well-established landing zones and communication with Indian River County, mutual aid can be rendered if needed. The response area includes 42 multistory structures, several townhouse developments, and a large mobile home park, along with a host of single-family dwellings, and a small number of commercial occupancies, including a sewage treatment plant. In addition to coastline and inter-coastal shoreline, there are many heavily trafficked state parks, boat ramps, and marinas within the response zone. The National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum is also located in this response zone.



Manpower per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 895



1 Fire Engine
1 Rescue Truck
1 Beach Rescue

FIRE STATION

10

777 SW DALTON CIRCLE
PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 10 was built in 1985 and was dedicated in memory of Assistant Chief R. L. “Bunk” Barton, who served the Fire District from 1933 to 1960. The area is economically and culturally diverse. The initial response area is mostly residential with an emerging mixture of commercial and industrial properties. There are three academic schools within a three-mile radius of the station. The response area also includes several shopping plazas and light industrial business. All of these commercial/ light industrial plazas present individual characteristics, such as access issues, unknown hazardous materials, highly flammable liquids, and evacuation concerns. The response zone also includes Port St. Lucie City Hall and the City of Port St. Lucie Public Works Department consisting of vehicle and machinery storage, mechanic’s shop and fuel depot. In addition, station 10 responds to Florida’s Turnpike as well as provides back up for Interstate 95.



Manpower on shift: 6
Calls for Service: 5,253



1 Quint
1 Fire Engine
1 Rescue Truck
1 Brush Truck

FIRE STATION

11

3501 SHINN ROAD
FORT PIERCE



Fire station 11 was constructed in 1986 to meet the growing demand for emergency services in the western portion of St. Lucie County. This station was needed to minimize the economic impact to the agricultural areas due to brush fires. It also serves to provide emergency ambulance service to an area of the county with the longest response and transport times. The response area is mostly rural and agricultural and is the largest in the county encompassing hundreds of square miles west of Glades Cut-Off and the Florida Turnpike, from the Martin County line all the way north to the Indian River County line. Though not in their zone, Station 11 is a backup station for many incidents on I95 and the Florida Turnpike.



Manpower on shift: 5
Calls for Service: 1,344

- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Rescue Truck
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Tanker
- 1 Detail Unit

FIRE STATION

12

1850 SE VILLAGE GREEN DRIVE
PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 12 was built in 1988. This area was in the growing stages and had not yet developed the population density it has today. The emergency call volume of station 12 has increased steadily throughout the years. It has a very large and diverse response area that is residential, commercial and industrial. The response zone includes St. Lucie Medical Center, Port St. Lucie City Center, two St. Lucie County schools, professional medical buildings, nursing home facilities, six retirement communities, a mix of commercial buildings, 2,500 acres of the Savannas State Preserve, approximately 5 miles of Florida East Coast (FEC) railway, Indian River Drive, as well as densely populated single-family residential areas.



- 1 Fire Engine
- 2 Rescue Trucks
- 1 Brush Truck



Manpower per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 7,250



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FIRE STATION

13

201 SE BECKER ROAD
PORT ST LUCIE



Originally housed in a prefabricated building, the current station 13 was built in 2003. It is the only station in the county with a lighted helicopter-landing pad for aero-medical transports. The response zone is comprised of 25 square miles. It includes a combination of residential dwellings, assisted living facilities, limited commercial areas and a recreational city park. The residential areas in the zone consist of several waterfront-gated developments. Directly across from the station is the 94,000 square foot Shoppes of Veranda Falls; this commercial shopping area is anchored by Publix and includes a mix of shops, restaurants, banks and services. Fire Station 13 is located next to the Florida's Turnpike Becker Road exit to allow for quick response to incidents that occur on Florida's Turnpike.



Manpower per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 1,977

1 Fire Engine
1 Rescue Truck
1 Brush Truck

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FIRE STATION

14

300 NW CALIFORNIA BLVD
PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 14 was built in 1999. Station 14 has one of the department's largest geographic response areas. At that time, the area was sparsely populated and had minimal commercial or industrial areas. Through the years, the area experienced an exponential growth of people, business, and enterprise. The response area extends east to Cashmere Blvd, west to Glades Cut-Off Rd, north to Midway Rd, and south to Del Rio Blvd and includes St. Lucie West, PGA, and Torino. There are numerous large business/industrial occupancies and large retail buildings and plazas. There are several medical facilities, eight (8) large apartment complexes, seven (7) churches, ten (10) academic schools, one (1) university campus, eight (8) hotels, and a professional sports stadium. The response area is divided by Interstate I-95 and is diversely interspersed with undeveloped land.



Manpower per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 7,689

- 1 Ladder Truck
- 1 Fire Engine
- 2 Rescue Trucks
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Detail Unit

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FIRE STATION

15

721 AVENUE D
FORT PIERCE

Fire station 15 opened in 1997. It serves the fire district's oldest response zone that was originally established in 1924 and housed at US Hwy 1 and Avenue A, until 1983 when station 1 was built. Station 15 was dedicated to Lt. Robert Lewis. Lt. Lewis was the first African American Firefighter in St. Lucie County and served the community from 1972-1997. The response area includes the commercial historic downtown district, four marinas with both dry and wet storage, the cargo ship terminal, and several fruit packing warehouses. The St Lucie County Court House and the Federal Court House are also covered by this zone. Fire Station 15 covers the majority of the northwest residential section of Fort Pierce. There are many historical residential and commercial properties along with two libraries and several academic schools from elementary through high school. Indian River State College Blackburn Educational Building is also in this zone.



Manpower per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 6,905



1 Fire Engine
1 Rescue Truck

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FIRE STATION

16

3910 SW PORT ST. LUCIE BLVD
PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 16 is one of the latest stations to be constructed in St. Lucie County. It was completed in December 2008 to keep up with the rapid growth of single-family residential dwellings in the area. Since its construction, calls for service in have increased every year. The response area is composed predominantly of single-family homes with light commercial use as well. There are numerous high occupancy buildings such as Treasure Coast High School, NAU Imagine Charter School, Windmill Point Elementary School, and Villa Seton, which is an assisted living facility. In 2009, zone 16 was expanded to cover the southernmost part of Interstate 95 in St. Lucie County due to the new interchange at Becker Road. The C-23 canal is the southern border of the response area.



Manpower per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 3,814



- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Rescue Truck
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Tanker
- 1 Battalion Truck



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FIRE STATION

17

10240 SW VILLAGE PKWY
PORT ST LUCIE



Built in 2008, fire station 17 is located in the Town of Tradition. The area is a mix of residential and commercial, but also serves a large agricultural area. The response area extends north to St. Lucie West Blvd, east to California Blvd, south to St Lucie-Martin County line and west to Range Line Road. The area includes multiple residential communities, several large shopping centers, restaurants, banks, gas stations, hotels, a large commercial warehouse district, a large senior living community, the Cleveland Clinic Tradition Hospital, Florida State Veterans' Nursing Home, and Florida Center of Innovation. Also in the response area are Palm Pointe Educational Research School and Renaissance Charter School. Station 17 is part of a dual response special operations team that also responds to all special operations calls in the county.



Manpower per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 4,293



- 1 Fire Engine
- 1 Rescue Truck
- 1 Brush Truck
- 1 Heavy Rescue
- 1 Field Training Truck



ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

5160 NW MILNER DRIVE
PORT ST. LUCIE

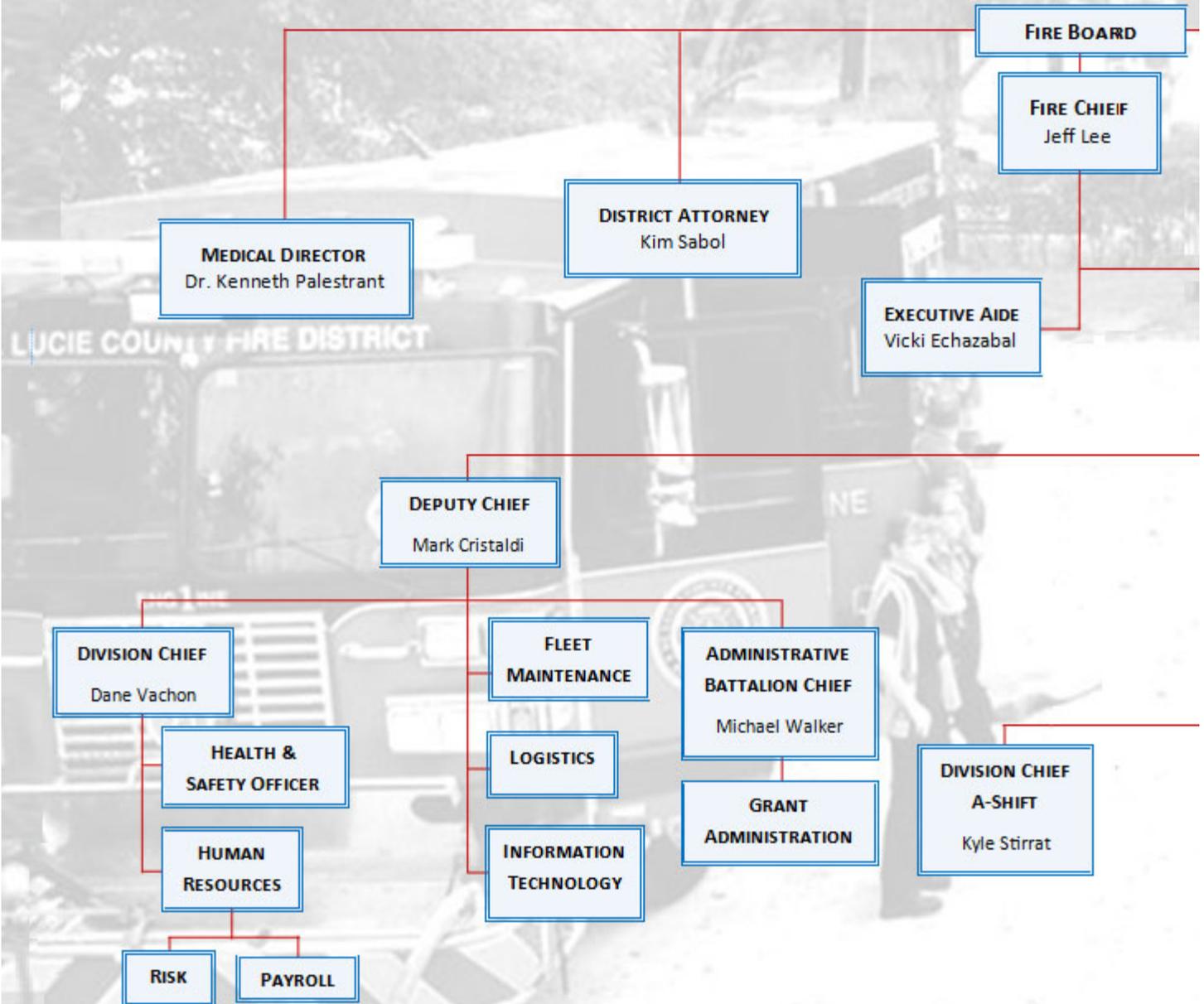


All administrative and support functions are housed at this location.

In 2006, all admin and support functions were moved to Milner, including fleet maintenance and logistics—which are housed in separate buildings in the back. Inside the main building, in addition to administration, ambulance billing and all other support functions, the Community Risk Reduction division that is responsible for fire inspections and investigations throughout the county, plans review, and fire safety education.



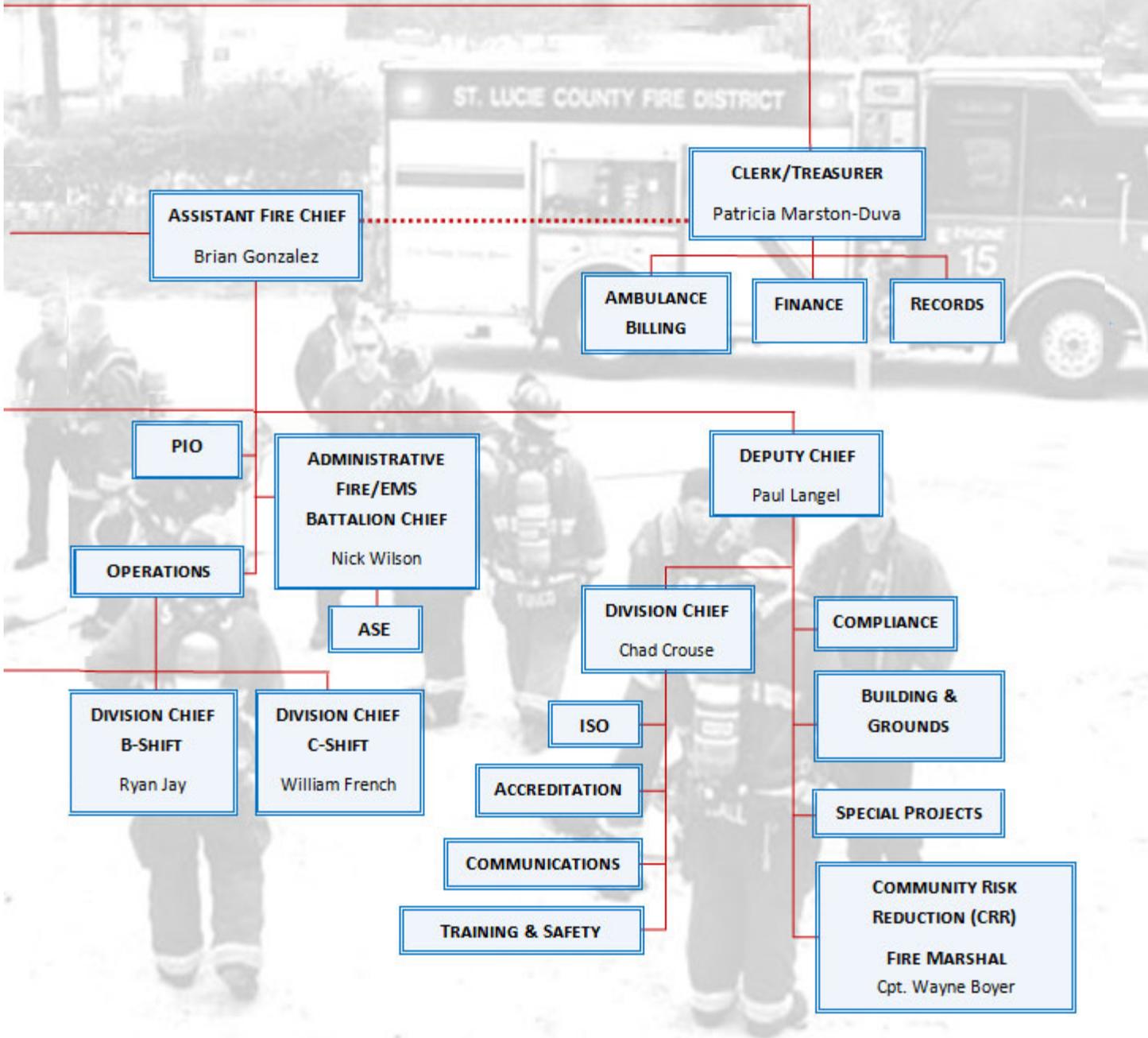
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

St. Lucie County Florida was created in 1905 with Fort Pierce serving as the county seat. Established in 1906, the Fort Pierce Fire Department formed with the intent of lowering the rates of fire insurance in the area. As time moved forward, the department continued to grow based on need and demand within the county. In 1959, by an act of the Florida Legislature, the St. Lucie County / Fort Pierce Fire District was created. The district continued to grow and provide a broader expanse of services within its coverage area. In 1996, the organizational name change to the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) was formalized.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The proactivity of the St. Lucie County Fire District is proven by its progressive growth. The district has continued to grow as the population has increased, continuing to meet the needs throughout the county.

Today, the St. Lucie County Fire District remembers its history and remains committed to preserving life and property by providing safe, efficient and professional services to all residents and visitors to our communities.

DIVISIONS

ADMINISTRATION

Administration provides overall direction, leadership and vision for the fire district. Divisional responsibilities include: providing administrative support in budget preparation, policies, public information, payroll, logistics, human resources, information technology and fleet maintenance. Vicki Echazabal is the Executive Aide and handles all types of administrative correspondence and support matters under the direction of Fire Chief Jeff Lee.

- ◆ Change of Command to Fire Chief Jeff Lee
- ◆ Broke ground on new Fire Station #18
- ◆ Applied and received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to purchase gym equipment for station 18
- ◆ Dedicated Fire Station #4 to the memory of FF/Engineer Charlie Yarborough
- ◆ Completed and received accreditation for another 5 years

AMBULANCE BILLING

The Ambulance Billing Department processes the billing for emergency ambulance transports in St. Lucie County. Lisa Hannold is the billing supervisor. She is responsible for three (3) Ambulance Billing Coding Specialists and four (4) Ambulance Billing Clerks. Lisa is in charge of the day-to-day operations under the direction of the Clerk Treasurer.

- ◆ Each Billing Clerk inputs an average of 7785 calls per year
- ◆ Charges Billed Out: \$23,427,848
- ◆ Cash Collected: \$13,524,109
- ◆ Billable Transports: 38,923

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Buildings & Grounds is responsible for repairs and maintenance of all fire district buildings. It is also responsible for inspection and maintenance on all self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for over 400 personnel, all air conditioning systems, fuel tanks, and landscaping. They participate in budget preparations for capital improvements at all fire stations. Joey Casson is the building & grounds supervisor. He is responsible for six (6) Maintenance Personnel and one (1) Custodian. Joey is in charge of the day-to-day operations under the direction of Deputy Chief Paul Langel.

- ◆ Replaced kitchen cabinets and counter tops at stations 8, 10, 12
- ◆ Installed awnings at stations 4, 6
- ◆ Added bio-pit wash down at station 7 and poured a new concrete apron
- ◆ Reconfigured and constructed a new parking lot at station 14 and upgraded drainage
- ◆ Remodeled station 15, replaced the generator and upgraded the parking lot and the aprons
- ◆ Relocated the Field Training Captain office to station 2

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

The Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division identifies and prioritizes local risks, strategically invests resources to reduce their impact, and oversees public safety programs, including; plan review, fire code enforcement, investigations, public education, and water supply. The Fire Marshal, Captain Wayne Boyer oversees the operations of CRR and is responsible for one (1) CRR Captain, two (2) Plans Reviewers, six (6) Inspectors/Investigators, one (1) Fire & Life Educator, and one (1) CRR Manager.

- ◆ Completed 9,693 fire inspections, 86 fire investigations and 2,069 site and plan reviews
- ◆ Site plan review, building plan review and life safety permitting accumulated \$2,302,953.00
- ◆ The Compliance Engine web based software generated \$71,789 in revenue
- ◆ False Alarm Fees program accumulated \$230,920 in revenue
- ◆ Participated in Ft. Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County development review committees to facilitate all commercial development countywide. Larger projects include; South Florida Logistics Center Buildings 1 & 2, Kings Highway Logistics, Cheney Brothers, Amazon, Glades Industrial Distribution Centers, Crossroads Commerce Park, JBL Fort Pierce Industrial, Legacy Park Spec 1, Developments including Mason at Toscana, Villa Vizcaya, The Lucie at Tradition, Verano South Apartments, Tidewater

COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Department is responsible for maintaining fire safety regulations and standards paramount to ensuring the safety of our firefighters, emergency responders, and community members. Adhering to protocols and guidelines minimizes the risk of accidents, injuries, and property damage creating a safer environment for everyone and promotes consistency and uniformity in operational procedures. Compliance with local, state, and federal regulations is not just a matter of best practice; it is a legal obligation that we must fulfill as a responsible fire district. Meeting all statutory requirements and maintaining proper documentation mitigates the risk of fines, penalties, and legal liabilities. Amy Kwasnicki is the Fire District Compliance Manager and operates under the direction of Deputy Chief Paul Langel.

DIVISIONS

FLEET MAINTENANCE

Fleet maintenance is responsible for all preventive maintenance and repair of 159 fire district vehicles and apparatus that, as a fleet, exceeds 1.4 million miles annually. In addition, Fleet Maintenance is responsible for maintaining nineteen station generators, twenty one “jaws of life” extrication tools, and all of the small engines the department uses in its day to day operations. Robbie Kelly is the fleet maintenance supervisor. He is responsible for one (1) Service/Parts Manager and five (5) Technicians. Robbie is in charge of the day-to-day operations under the direction of Deputy Chief Mark Cristaldi.

- ◆ Readied and placed 2-brush trucks, 1-tanker, 1-engine, 1-squad, and 8-white fleet vehicles into service
- ◆ Purchased F150 and outfitted for the new FTO-4 position
- ◆ Installed Traffic preemption devices in all front line rescue trucks
- ◆ Installed water can and iron brackets into all front line rescue trucks

FINANCE / RECORDS

The Finance Department is responsible for the management of all accounting and investing of the fire district's funds, as well as maintaining and overseeing all public records for the fire district. Under the direction of Fire Chief Jeff Lee, Clerk Treasurer Patty Marston-Duva is in charge of the day-to-day operations and oversees one (1) Staff Accountant, one (1) Budget Analyst, one (1) Accounts Payable Specialist, and one (1) Records Custodian.

- ◆ Managed a total budget of \$148,694,045 for FY2022-2023
- ◆ Responded to a total of 3,232 records request

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources is responsible for multiple HR functions in support of positive employee and labor relations. Responsibilities of HR include: performance management, benefit administration and leave management, workplace health and safety, recruitment, promotional process oversight and payroll. Under the direction of Deputy Chief Mark Cristaldi, Division Chief Dane Vachon is in charge of the day-to-day operations and oversees four (4) HR Specialists, one (1) Payroll Specialists, and one (1) Risk Manager

- ◆ Managed 263 applications and successfully vetted and processed 65 new employees
- ◆ Managed 457 physicals and wellness visits
- ◆ Processed 17 employees exiting retirements

Risk Management

Risk Management is an extension of HR with the focus to protect the fire district's assets from loss and minimize employee injuries on the job. Carol Spencer is the Risk Manager and oversees the day-to-day operations under the direction of Division Chief Dane Vachon.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT Department is responsible for delivering comprehensive data and voice communication services to the Fire District. This encompasses a wide range of tasks, including software and hardware support, installations, tower climbing, round-the-clock assistance, management of email and phone systems. Additionally, their responsible for the upkeep of the microwave infrastructure essential for CAD alerting, AVL, and data links to EOC, as well as continuous exploration of innovative techniques and devices. Bret Sundblad is the Chief Information Officer. He is responsible for four (4) IT Systems Administrators. Bret is in charge of the day-to-day operations under the direction of Deputy Chief Mark Cristaldi.

- ◆ Successfully applied and received a cybersecurity grant to help protect our information infrastructure.
- ◆ Installed and set-up a new phone system throughout all divisions and fire stations.
- ◆ Implemented Tablet Command software system
- ◆ Began the process to change all systems to Windows 365
- ◆ Updated Financial Management software, Finance Enterprise

LOGISTICS

The Logistics Division is responsible for the complete procurement of the fire district; including the research, purchases, warehousing, and distributing of medical, office and janitorial supplies, uniforms and bunker gear for all active firefighters. The Logistics Division Supervisor is responsible for four (4) Supply Clerks. He is in charge of the day-to-day operations under the direction of Deputy Chief Mark Cristaldi.

- ◆ Facilitated and processed through to completion and delivery of 1400 purchase orders
- ◆ Issued uniforms and gear to 48 new firefighters and multiple support personnel
- ◆ Storm Sticks were implemented to provide an improved method of gross decontamination on fire scenes.
- ◆ 4893 pieces of structural firefighting gear were washed, 192 required special biohazardous cleaning and 448 sets prepped and sent out for repairs after inspection

DIVISIONS

OPERATIONS

The operations division is responsible for emergency service delivery to the community; including emergency medical response, fire suppression, aeromedical responses, special operation response, and overall personnel and safety management for all shifts. Under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Brian Gonzalez, each shift is overseen and managed by an on-duty division chief. A-shift: Division Chief Kyle Stirrat, B-shift: Division Chief Ryan Jay, and C-shift: Division Chief William French. They are responsible for all 17 stations, which includes a total of 135-140 personnel per shift. They respond to complex and escalating emergencies throughout the county. The division chief is quartered at fire station 6 and works from the fire district's administrative complex during the day the division chief also has a primary response area spanning from Indian River Drive to the Okeechobee county line.

- ◆ Introduced two new Engines (Engine 3 and Engine 6) into service
- ◆ Acquired two new Brush Trucks and two Aerial apparatus
- ◆ Commissioned a new Tanker (Tanker 11)
- ◆ Updated all Engines/Aerials with new attack line nozzles
- ◆ Streamlined the Bunker Gear Cleaning Policy
- ◆ Established and staffed the Field Training Captain position
- ◆ Deployed 20 new Ballistic Vests
- ◆ Implemented the Autovent 4000
- ◆ Introduced a new self-tamponade Curaplex IV to reduce blood backflow and exposure risks
- ◆ Acquired new Rescue 42 lifting strut attachments
- ◆ Purchased a Hazmat Resource brand propane flaring device for safer propane emergency mitigation

Application Support Engineer (ASE)

The ASE position bridges the technological gap between line personnel and the numerous other divisions within the fire district. Under the direction of Battalion Chief Nick Wilson, FF/PM Matt Neilson and FF/PM Doug Wile perform the day-to-day duties, which include; electronic request and filing systems conversions, inventory management, fleet management systems, report writing management, data collection and analyses, and new device development.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public education is provided to the community by the Fire District's Fire & Life Safety Educator (FLSE) Stacey Carter and operates under the supervision of the Community Risk Reduction Division. The FLSE is responsible for developing and presenting fire and life safety education programs to the residents of St. Lucie County.

- ◆ Partnered with Council on Aging to provide seniors in St. Lucie County NFPA's Step to Safety, a fire and fall prevention program. Steps to Safety was also provided to the following communities: Savanna Club, Madison Vines, Harbor Isle and Sunnier Palms
- ◆ Implemented Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol curriculum. The program was provided to 450 students
- ◆ Provided 23 summer camps with educational station tours and camp visits
- ◆ Participated in Early Learning Coalition's Family Fun Fair. Fire safety information was distributed to 350 families
- ◆ Dusty the Dragon presented fire safety information at 80 schools, childcare centers and station tours.
- ◆ Provided Fire Extinguisher Training to the following businesses: Liberty Tire, Thompson Gas, Henderson Behavioral Health, CORE Program and Whole Family Health Center
- ◆ Partnered with Lawnwood Hospital Newborn Home Visitation Nurses to install smoke alarms in homes for new mothers and their babies
- ◆ Public Education safety messages have reached 70,699 people using social media platforms

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Public Information Office is responsible for disseminating information to the public on departmental programs and services, facilitating media relations, and coordinating community outreach. The Fire District's Public Information Officer (PIO) Brenda Smith is also the liaison for the fire district during emergency incidents between the incident commander and the media. The Public Information Office operates under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Brian Gonzalez.

- ◆ Managed and assisted in scheduling more than 270 Public Education/Public Relations requests
- ◆ Monitor and manage social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, and X (previously Twitter)
- ◆ Organized retiree badges and plaques for exiting personnel
- ◆ Photographed all incoming personnel for ID badges
- ◆ Worked with Division Chiefs to identify and schedule Breakfast with a Lifesaver recipients
- ◆ Commissioned and worked closely with a local artist to create portraits of past Fire Chiefs and
- ◆ Assisted Administration with preparation and set-up for Station 5 & Station 15 Open Houses, the Change of Command Ceremony, 2 Push-in ceremonies, and Station 4 dedication

DIVISIONS

TRAINING & SAFETY

The Training & Safety Division is responsible for fire and EMS training of all St. Lucie County Fire District firefighters. This division is also directly involved with health, safety and exposure risk management for the fire district. Under the direction of Deputy Chief Paul Langel, Division Chief Chad Crouse is in charge of the day-to-day operations and oversees four (4) Training Lieutenants, and one (1) Training FF/Paramedic.



- ◆ Trained 25 Paramedics for release interviews with the SLCFD Medical Director
- ◆ Conducted three, 5-week intensive orientation training classes for 48 new firefighters
- ◆ Developed and led a “difficult airway class” that spanned over several weeks
- ◆ Organized and participated in a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) Training through Strategic Operations, Inc. in coordination with the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office and Port St. Lucie Police Department
- ◆ Trained personnel on the operations of several new updated EMS/Fire related tools and equipment introduced to the line.
- ◆ Updated EMS guidelines
- ◆ The 2-year renewal of Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ACLS) education was conducted with a 100% completion rate
- ◆ Coordination of HAZMAT and extended hose line training in partnership with the City of Port St Lucie
- ◆ With the donation of two large structures, organized and facilitated two live training burns
- ◆ Conducted technical rescue training on rope operations and vehicle extrication
- ◆ Implemented an in-house safety officer class
- ◆ Developed several monthly refresher training videos “HOT Minute” that run concurrently at all fire stations several times throughout the day
- ◆ With the purchase of a Drone, the training division in coordination with the Community Risk Reduction division, developed a Drone Policy



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GUARDIANS OF SERVICE

SLCFD HONOR GUARD

Members of the Honor Guard and Pipes & Drums are some of the most highly visible representatives of the Fire District and committed to representing the district with pride, integrity and remembrance. Each year they participate in local civic occasions, such as parades and special community events. They perform at many districtwide events such as dedications, graduations, promotional and awards ceremonies. The Honor Guard plans, organizes, and performs at funerals and memorial services for district members. The team also assists other agencies with funeral and memorial services when requested. Members of the Honor Guard have participated in state and national events, such as the Florida Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Ocala and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsville, MD.

2023 Honor Guard Members

Jason Kershanick - Commander
 Jesus Bayona Austin Hodge
 Paul Castlow Anthony Lopez
 Cliff Cooper Satchell Peterkin
 Jeff Curl Ryan Prussing
 Rob Demski Salomon Rincon
 Anthony Fitzpatrick Erin Storey
 Johnathan Fraga John Wozar
 Chad Gallagher Eric Wright

2023 Events

- ◆ 3 Paramedic Graduations
- ◆ 4 Fire Academy Graduations
- ◆ 5 Firefighter Funerals
- ◆ 3 New Hire Graduations
- ◆ PSL St. Patrick's Day Parade
- ◆ PSL Christmas Parade
- ◆ Ft Pierce Christmas Parade
- ◆ Martin Luther King Parade
- ◆ Station 4 Dedication
- ◆ September 11 Events
- ◆ Fire District Medal Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Event
- ◆ Armed Forces Day Event
- ◆ Veterans Day Event



Pipes and Drums

Allen Civita
 John Craton
 Austin Halle

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE TEAM

The Firefighter Challenge Team as we know it today formed in 2017, when St. Lucie County Firefighters, Matt Coney and Brian Riebe realized that they were each competing individually. By the end of the year, as word got out, the men had a very competitive team with several others that participated in local challenges. By 2020, the men's team clinched its inaugural world title, a feat repeated for three consecutive years. In 2022, their commitment to inclusivity led to the formation of a Ladies team. Despite the men losing the world title in 2023, the team's resilience shone through as the men and women joined forces to form two coed relay teams. Not only did these teams secure first and second place at the world championships, but one of the teams set a new world record, showcasing their dedication and teamwork.

Ladies 2023 Team

CAPTAINS: Maria Fernandez, Sasha Hernandez, & Alexia French
MEMBERS: Amber Allen, Kayla Gammie, Jhnealle Gilman, Lindsey Lambert, Dana Oliver, Morgan Taylor, Amanda Ledbetter-Yoder

Men's 2023 Team

CAPTAINS: Matt Coney, Brian Riebe, & Justin Baker
MEMBERS: Josh Burns, Remi Dieujuste, Dante Hill, Kyle Kirkham, Kevin Reilly, James Spagnuolo, Luke Stewart, Trey Thompson, Carlos Torres, Brenden Ward, Caden Wilson

Team 2023 Stats

- ◆ Attended 5 events
- ◆ 3 members were inducted into the Lions Den
- ◆ The men's team finished with 2 bronze, 5 gold (regionals)
- ◆ The ladies team finished with 3 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze (regionals)
- ◆ The coed team finished with 1 gold, 1 bronze, 2 silver (regionals)
- ◆ The men are the Relay & FD Showdown National Champions
- ◆ The men are the Relay & FD Showdown Grand National Champions
- ◆ The ladies finished 2nd in FD Showdown at Nationals
- ◆ The ladies are the Relay & FD Showdown Grand National Champions
- ◆ The coed team is the Relay National & World Champions
- ◆ National records are held in Men's FD Showdown, Men's relay, & Coed relay
- ◆ The coed team holds the relay World Record
- ◆ The men finished 2nd in relay at Worlds



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

FIRE CADET PROGRAM

The Fire Cadet Program consists of 40-50 members, ages 14-20, who gain experience in the fields of EMS and Fire. Participants receive basic medical and fire training and can earn the opportunity to work alongside our sworn firefighters, on actual emergency responses. The program intends to develop leadership, decision-making skills, and discipline, while exposing its members to a possible career in the Fire Service. Below are a few of their accomplishments throughout the 2023:

- ◆ Assisted with "Camp Backdraft" for local youth
- ◆ Competed in Cadet Fest in Palm Beach County
- ◆ Five (5) Cadets graduated an EMT program
- ◆ Harley Hutchings: 2023 Fire Cadet of the Year

AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAMS

In 2021, Lt. Adam Zuccaro and the Firefighter Benevolent introduced a local chapter of Surfers for Autism to St. Lucie County. Through their concerted efforts and numerous fundraisers, they have not only been able to support the Surfers for Autism, but also direct funds toward various autism awareness programs across the county. This collaborative endeavor underscores the power of community generosity and solidarity in fostering awareness and support for individuals with autism.

In 2023, the Benevolent donated \$5000 to adopt 50 special needs classes and the SLC school district matched the donation, giving each class additional money toward classroom supplies. In addition, they were able to donate \$10,000 to the Surfers for Autism Foundation.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY LIL FEET

The idea behind Lil Feet began in 2009, when firefighters purchased shoes and socks for a little girl after a call to her daycare. In the summer of 2018, Lil Feet received its 501(c)(3) status. The board of directors is a small group of dedicated, caring individuals comprised of Fire District personnel and family. The annual fundraiser is an Art Auction & Dinner endorsed and sponsored by the St. Lucie County Fire District and the St. Lucie County Firefighters Benevolent Association.

In 2023, through the generosity of dedicated donors and sponsors, the dinner auction garnered more than \$52,000. This led the Lil Feet Board of Directors to unanimously approve undergarments and clothing for children in situations of homelessness or rapid relocation.

For more information, follow us at facebook.com/LilFeetofSLC.

BIG HEART BRIGADE

Members from the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) have been feeding local families at Thanksgiving since 1992. In 2008, the Treasure Coast Big Heart Brigade (TCBHB) received its 501(c)(3). It is a 100% volunteer organization and is only possible through fundraisers and the financial assistance of local hospitals and businesses.

In 2023, the Treasure Coast Big Heart Brigade gave out 1130 frozen turkeys, while the St. Lucie Big Heart Brigade prepped and cooked 270 turkeys throughout the week. On Thanksgiving Day, the fire district family and friends packaged and delivered over 1300 meals.

For more information, please follow us at facebook.com/bigheartbrigadetc.

SLCFD CHRISTMAS 4 KIDS

Christmas 4 Kids is a non-profit organization that was established in 2007 through the efforts of Captain David French and station 4. The crew wanted to encourage their own children to share with those less fortunate, so they began collecting gently used toys and clothing to deliver on Christmas morning. Today, the organization facilitates collection of donations from multiple businesses and at all the fire stations. On Christmas morning, while most are at home opening gifts and celebrating with family, a caravan of emergency vehicles, box trucks and cars led by a fire engine carrying Santa and the Grinch makes its way through the narrow streets of the mobile home parks in Fort Pierce. The convoy is welcomed by squealing children.

In 2023, Christmas 4 Kids delivered over 5000 gifts and clothing to more than 825 children. They also provided toys & clothing to 12 youth organizations throughout the Christmas season. This was possible through the generous support of the community and the 60 local businesses that hosted toy drives.

For more information, please visit slcfdchristmas4kids.com.

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