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**Six Bystanders Rescue Man from Burning Car
St. Lucie County Fire District Presents the Citizen Hero Award**

St. Lucie County, FL – Interim Fire Chief Nate Spera will present Citizen Hero Awards to six individuals that stopped to assist a motorist following a motor vehicle accident that left the driver unconscious inside a burning vehicle.

The presentation will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 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 the morning of October 19, 2017, units were dispatched to a MVC at the intersection of Port St. Lucie Blvd & Tunis Ave. Upon their arrival, crews found one vehicle completely engulfed in fire. The driver of the vehicle had been pulled to safety through the collaborative efforts of Wayne Lindberg, David Streeter, Rachel Wulff, Ruben Romero, Luis Gomez, and Melissa Jones.

Lindberg, using a fire extinguisher, kept the initial flames at bay while Romero and Gomez held the airbags out of the way so that Streeter and Wulff could make entry and access the driver's injuries. Jones made sure the path was clear and guided Streeter and Wulff as they pulled the driver out of the car and out of the way.

The accident sent three patients to the hospital, but if not for the quick and brave actions of these six individuals, the outcome could have been very different for at least one of the patients.

“We thank everyone for stopping out of the kindness of their hearts to help another citizen even though they didn't have to.” –Carl & Kathy Kiser

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