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FIRE DISTRICT RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL The St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) received international accredited status from the Center for Public Safety Excellence . There are less than 250 Fire Departments that have achieved this prestigious designation and SLCFD is the first fire agency on the Treasure Coast.

Accreditation is a comprehensive self-assessment and evaluation that enables an organization to examine service delivery and compare it to the industry standards. It's also a way to establish a method for achieving continuous organizational improvement. The accreditation process is voluntary and the CFAI is dedicated to assisting fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world.

The Accreditation Team attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence conference in Orlando yesterday and participated in a panel discussion and evaluation with the Commission; at which time, they were awarded the 5-year designation. The process of Accreditation has been ongoing for the past 4 years and the Fire District has embraced the continual improvement model of excellence in industry best practices.

This is a win win situation for our community as citizens benefit from the accreditation process as well. With the continued improvement model used in seeking accreditation, the agency must maintain an active strategic planning program as well as a comprehensive assessment of the overall community's level of risk. This "risk assessment" helps the community's elected officials make an educated decision on the level of service they desire.

"We are very proud of this tremendous achievement. It recognizes the hard work and dedication of our entire organization. Furthermore, it ensures that we maintain systems and processes that keep our organization effective and efficient" – Fire Chief Nate Spera, MPA

"It is with the full support of the elected and appointed representation of the St. Lucie County Fire District Board that our professionals have delivered once again. The benefits of proactive efforts, continuing education, the benchmarking of systems, strategic planning, and a continuous review process become clear with this incredible achievement." – Chair Chris Dzadovsky

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