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St. Lucie County Fire District Upcoming Events

PROMOTIONS & RETIREMENTS – On Wednesday, July 26th, in a brief ceremony at 2:15 PM, Fire Chief Buddy Emerson will recognize recent promotions and retirements; **including, the first St. Lucie County husband and wife team, Jim and Janet Rudd.**

CHECK PRESENTATION: On Wednesday, July 26th, during the Fire Board meeting at 3:00 PM, **the Children Service Council will present a \$5000 check to the Lil Feet program.** In 2009, FF/Engineer Fred Barbera was among a crew of firefighters responding to a fire alarm at a daycare center. Barbera noticed a child with holes in his shoes. Later that day, he and another firefighter went to a local store and bought the child new shoes and socks. From that simple gesture and the creativity of various members throughout the community and the Fire District, hundreds of pairs of shoes have been purchased distributed throughout St. Lucie County to children in need.

SNEAK PEEK ARTIST RECEPTION: Friday, July 28th, at the Backus Gallery in downtown Ft Pierce, **over 20 retired, firefighter bunker boots have been artistically transformed into beautiful works of art and will be on display.** In addition, the very talented artist that created them will be on hand to explain their boot. This reception is free to the public. Hor d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar is available.

BOOT AUCTION & DINNER: On **Thursday, August 3rd**, at the **River Walk Center in Fort Pierce** the annual event, **themed “Boots & Pearls”** this year, will begin at **6:30 PM**; this event is **almost sold out!** Dinner will be prepared by the **St. Lucie County Firefighters Benevolent.** The **Fort Pierce Jazz Society** will provide music and sound, while **St. Lucie County Commissioner Tod Mowery** is this year's auctioneer. This year will also feature a **commemorative boot to honor fallen Firefighter Charles Yarborough**, a 21-year veteran of the St. Lucie County Fire District. The Boot Auction & Dinner has become a St. Lucie County tradition and **brings together local artists, governmental agencies, businesses and leaders to raise money to purchase school shoes for children in need.** Admittance to the **Media is Free-** just let Brenda know you will be attending.

BROTHERHOOD RIDE: Will be **riding through the area on Friday July 28th**, leaving from Vero Beach that morning between 8-830 and **stopping at SLC Station 6 (350 E. Midway Rd)**, arriving between **9:30-10:00 AM.** **SLCFD Captain Debbie Knupp is again riding her bicycle in the annual Brotherhood Ride** throughout the state in honor of fallen First Responders. This year the group will ride **more than 600 miles over 7-days** in remembrance of 20 fallen heroes. **SLCFD Firefighter Ed Hill will be traveling with the support team.**

If you have any questions or need more info on any of the upcoming events, please let me know. Thank you for your continued coverage of the St. Lucie County Fire District. -brenda

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