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FOXX PROMOTED TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES KNUPP TAKES OVER AS FIRE MARSHAL

St. Lucie County, FL – Fire Chief Nate Spera announces the promotion of Division Chief / Fire Marshal Derek Foxx to the rank of Deputy Chief. Foxx will oversee the Fire District Support Services departments and divisions.

Deputy Chief Derek Foxx has been with the Fire District since 1990 and has most recently been responsible for the Fire Prevention Bureau, Building and Grounds, and Logistics. He is the first African-American to achieve executive level rank in the history of the Fire District.

Captain Debbie Knupp will be taking over the duties of Fire Marshal. Captain Knupp began her career with the Fire District in 1995 and has been part of the Fire Prevention Bureau team since 2005. She holds a Masters Degree in Health Care Administration and is certified as a firefighter, paramedic, fire inspector and a fire investigator. Captain Knupp is the first female Fire Marshal in St. Lucie County.

“Chief Foxx and Captain Knupp have served the citizens of St. Lucie County with distinction throughout their careers. This advancement will solidify the fire district’s administration and ensure efficiency and effectiveness.” - Fire Chief Nate Spera

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