



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

St. Lucie County Fire District

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SLCFD AT A GLANCE



572

SQUARE MILES



405,154

POPULATION



21

MILES OF COASTLINE



19

FIRE STATIONS



64,068

EMS RESPONSES



7,135

FIRE RESPONSES

ISO
CLASS

2



52

CIVILIAN STAFF



3

**SPECIALTY
RESPONSE TEAMS**



523

FIREFIGHTERS



CFAI

**INTERNATIONALLY
ACCREDITED AGENCY**



27

TELECOMMUNICATORS

FIRE CHIEF

JEFF LEE



Our personnel continue to demonstrate compassion, skill, and professionalism in every aspect of their work.

The St. Lucie County Fire District exists to serve and protect our community, and that mission is carried out each day by an exceptional team of professionals committed to excellence. I am proud to recognize the firefighters, paramedics, telecommunicators, officers, and civilian staff whose dedication and professionalism continue to define this organization.

Throughout the past year, our District remained steadfast in its commitment to emergency response, public safety and operational excellence.

As our community continues to grow, the demands placed upon fire and emergency medical services continue to expand in both volume and complexity. In meeting those demands, we have remained focused on preparedness, service delivery, workforce development, and strategic investment in the resources necessary to support our mission.

Every incident we respond to represents more than a call for service. It represents a moment when someone relies on us during uncertainty, crisis, or need. That responsibility is one we do not take lightly. Our personnel continue to demonstrate compassion, skill, and professionalism in every aspect of their work, whether providing lifesaving medical care, suppressing fires, educating the public, mitigating hazards, or preparing for large-scale emergencies.

This year, we continued to build on our foundation by emphasizing training, safety, accountability, and continuous improvement. We recognize that excellence in the fire service requires more than response capability alone—it requires leadership, adaptability, discipline, and a clear vision for the future. We remain committed to strengthening our organization in each of these areas so we can continue providing the high level of service our community expects and deserves.

I am deeply grateful for the commitment of our members, the support of their families, the leadership of our Board of Commissioners, and the trust of the community we are privileged to serve. Together, we will continue to move forward with purpose, meet the challenges ahead, and uphold the values that define the St. Lucie County Fire District.

On behalf of the entire organization, thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Jeff Lee.

Jeff Lee
Fire Chief

MISSION & CORE VALUES

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

COMPASSIONATE, COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE

Deliver services in a considerate, caring and sympathetic way.

INCLUSIVITY

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

PRIDE, PASSION, PURPOSE

Display the utmost personal and ethical behavior at all times.

SAFETY

Ensuring the welfare of ourselves and those we serve.

TRANSPARENT

Maintaining public trust through shared information.

TEAMWORK

Dedicated and committed to each other and our community.

COMMUNITY

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

FAMILY

Our motto: "Our Family Serving Yours".

INTEGRITY

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

PROFESSIONAL

In application, appearance, attitude and standards.

STRATEGIC

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



FIRE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2025 Board of Commissioners



The St. Lucie County Fire District is an independent special district serving the residents of St. Lucie County, operating separately from St. Lucie County Government and the cities of Ft. Pierce and Port. St. Lucie.

The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board includes two representatives from the St. Lucie County Commission, two from the Fort Pierce City Commission, two from the Port. St. Lucie City Council, and one Governor-appointed member.

By charter, the Board appoints a Fire Chief to oversee district operations and enforce state fire laws, as well as a Clerk-Treasurer to manage financial operations and records. The Board also retains a District Attorney to provide legal counsel.

The St. Lucie County Fire District Board of Commissioners meets regularly to oversee district operations, policy, and financial stewardship. Meetings are typically held monthly at the St. Lucie County Fire District Administration Complex.

Meeting dates, agendas, and updates are publicly posted on the District website at SLCFD.com. Any schedule changes are publicly noticed in accordance with Florida law.

Members of the public are welcome to attend board meetings and participate during designated public comment periods.

CITY OF FT. PIERCE

Curtis Johnson

Fort Pierce Commissioner

Chair

Linda Hudson

Fort Pierce Mayor

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

Shannon Martin

Port St. Lucie Mayor

Vice Chair

Stephanie Morgan

Port St. Lucie Councilwoman

ST. LUCIE COUNTY

James Clasby

St. Lucie County Commissioner

Jamie Fowler

St. Lucie County Commissioner

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Travis Leonard



JEFF LEE
Fire Chief



KIM SABOL
District Attorney



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Clerk Treasurer



KENNETH PALESTRANT
Medical Director



BRIAN GONZALEZ
Assistant Fire Chief

OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF & LEADERSHIP TEAM



MARK CRISTALDI
Deputy Chief



PAUL LANGEL
Deputy Chief

DIVISION CHIEFS : OPERATIONS



KYLE STIRRAT
A-Shift



RYAN JAY
B-Shift



DONNY STEFANI
C-Shift

FIRE MARSHAL



ANDRES ELIZONDO
Battalion Chief

CHAPLAIN



TOMMY NEIMAN
Retired Lieutenant

DIVISION CHIEFS : ADMINISTRATION



DANE VACHON
Day Shift



DANIEL MIKELS
Day Shift



MICHAEL WALKER
Day Shift



WAYNE BOYER
Day Shift



NICHOLAS WILSON
Day Shift



CHAD CROUSE
Day Shift

HONORS & RECOGNITION – 2025

Firefighter of the Year



A 29-year veteran of the Fire District, Captain Shane Kozac serves as a leader within the Training Division, playing a key role in preparing our members through high-quality training and mentorship while exemplifying the Fire District's core values. Widely recognized as one of the most well-rounded firefighters in the organization, his dedication to ensuring personnel are trained to safely and efficiently carry out the District's mission earned him the title of Firefighter of the Year.

Support Staff of the Year



Kelly Ernst, Buyer for the Logistics Division, was named the St. Lucie County Fire District General Staff Employee of the Year for her professionalism, organization, and dedication to supporting district operations. She also volunteers her time supporting several local charitable organizations, demonstrating her commitment to the community we serve.

PROMOTIONS

DIVISION CHIEF	
Michael Walker	Darrell Chibas
Nicholas Wilson	Colton Rudd
Wayne Boyer	Jonas Gonzalez
BATTALION CHIEF	
Alexia French	Remi Dieujuste
Andres Elizondo	Dante Hill
CAPTAIN	
Robert Orton	Jennifer Grima
John Calhoun	Jason Miller
Jason Kershanick	Kevin Solomon
Wade Tindall	Kevin Reilly
Jesse Almand	Tristen Trefelner
Joseph Spinosi	Brandon Varney
Ryan Bator	William Lyshon
LIEUTENANT	
Daniel Ruiz	Caden Wilson
Stephen Cullen	Andrea Irvine
Irael Gamez	Anthony Lopez
Dorian Jackson	John Duran
Andrew Myers	Darian Rodriguez
Nicholas Curry	Jacob Concannon
	Justin Hartley

ENGINEERS

RELEASED PARAMEDICS

JANUARY	JULY
Isabel Maldonado	Kameron Schulz
Benn Francoeur	Chad Vachon
Katelyn Melvin	Joseph Cannon
FEBRUARY	
Bryce Barber	
Tanner Keeler	Matthew Nunes
Jordan Mummiani	Ariel Dominguez
Jaimee Krupilis	David Green
Jacob Cox	AUGUST
Matthew Aponte	Dillon Snyder
Jeremy French	Robert Ashton
MARCH	
Alison Oestreich	
Shamarie Bryan	Jack Sullivan
Thaddeus Day	SEPTEMBER
Jonathan Galindo	Evan Gritter
Brandon Hagans	OCTOBER
APRIL	
Emilio Nieto	
Zachary Montoya	Matt Kiernan
MAY	
Camron Jones	
John Edmondson	Angelo Ceglio
Daniel Forkel	DECEMBER
James Forlenza	Matthew Stadelberger
	Jared O'Hara

RETIREMENTS

JANUARY	SEPTEMBER
Christopher Longo	Brian Gulde
FEBRUARY	OCTOBER
Joseph Payne	Patrice Hazellief
MARCH	
Stephen Pym	
Jeffrey Garvey	NOVEMBER
APRIL	
Michael Leisen	
Matthew Ramsay	DECEMBER
MAY	
Gustavo Santa	
William Moore	
JUNE	
Brian Smith	
Matthew Neilson	
JULY	
Michelle Pedreira	
Shawn Smith	
Anthony Senger	
Jeffrey Stabile	
AUGUST	
Thomas Mikovsky	
Kevin Franklin	
Patrick Whitehead	
Daniel Baumker	

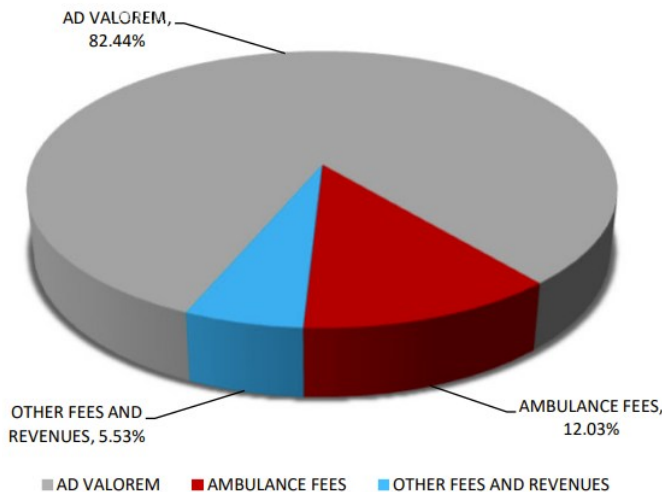
FINANCE AT A GLANCE

FY 2024-25 – Year End Results

The following charts reflect the St. Lucie County Fire District's revenues, expenditures and other financing sources/uses, for the 2024-25 fiscal year. These amounts are unaudited and as such, are subject to subsequent changes based on the auditors' recommendations.

Fiscal Year October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

FY 2025 GENERAL FUND ACTUAL REVENUES

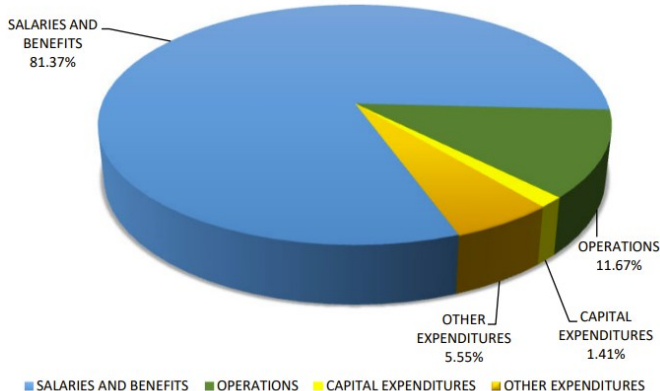


REVENUE

	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% of Actual</u>
Ad Valorem	\$116,519,289	\$116,578,529	82.44%
Ambulance Fees	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 17,004,107	12.03%
Other	\$ 2,919,300	\$ 7,819,011	5.53%
Total Revenue	\$131,434,589	\$141,401,647	100.00%

Estimated Fund Balance 10/01/24 \$ 35,224,137
Total General Fund Revenue Budget \$166,662,726

FY 2025 GENERAL FUND ACTUAL EXPENDITURES



EXPENDITURES

	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% of Actual</u>
Salaries/Benefits	\$109,784,114	\$ 99,281,313	81.37%
Operations	\$ 19,716,267	\$ 14,237,577	11.67%
Capital	\$ 23,166,270	\$ 1,718,426	1.41%
Other	\$ 6,771,840	\$ 6,771,840	5.55%
Total Expenses	\$159,438,491	\$122,009,156	100.00%

Estimated Fund Balance 09/30/25 \$ 7,224,235
Total General Fund appropriation Budget \$166,662,726

Note: These numbers are unaudited

PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT **FY2025 Performance Accountability Report** ***Pursuant to §189.0694, Florida Statutes***

Overview

This report summarizes the performance of the St. Lucie County Fire District for Fiscal Year 2024–2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025), including goals achieved, performance measures utilized, and objectives not fully attained.

Goals and Objectives Achieved

Infrastructure and Service Capacity

Construction of Fire Stations 18 and 20 was completed during FY2025, and construction of Fire Station 19 was initiated. These projects support the District's long-term strategic growth and enhance emergency service coverage throughout St. Lucie County.

Operational Readiness and Emergency Response

The District maintained continuous 24-hour staffing and emergency response coverage across all fire stations, ensuring readiness for routine emergencies and large-scale incidents.

Financial Stewardship

Operations were conducted within the Board-adopted budget, maintaining fiscal responsibility while sustaining operational service levels.

Workforce Development

Qualified personnel were promoted into supervisory and command roles, and the District continued onboarding and professional development of newly certified firefighters and paramedics to support operational readiness.

Performance Measures and Standards

The Fire District evaluates performance using established operational and administrative measures, including:

- Maintenance of continuous 24-hour emergency response coverage throughout the District
- Monitoring service demand and deployment effectiveness
- Tracking capital improvement projects against approved timelines and funding plans
- Conducting budget-to-actual financial reviews to ensure expenditures remain within adopted appropriations
- Maintaining disaster preparedness and interagency coordination capabilities

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Goals in Progress

Capital Improvement Timelines

Certain facility construction milestones extended beyond projected timelines due to weather-related storm impacts and material supply delays that affected construction scheduling.

Service Demand Growth Management

Continued population growth and increasing service demand required ongoing evaluation of staffing models and long-term deployment strategies.

The District will continue addressing these areas through strategic planning, capital investment, and resource allocation in FY2026.

Commitment to Accountability

The St. Lucie County Fire District remains committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and continuous improvement in service delivery. This report is published in compliance with §189.0694, Florida Statutes, and is available on the District's official website.

FY2025 PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY OVERVIEW



By the Numbers

DEMAND FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	71,203
Emergency	64,068
Medical Calls	
Fire Calls	7,135

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT

By Ground	42,796
By Air	62

TRANSPORTS TO FACILITIES BY GROUND

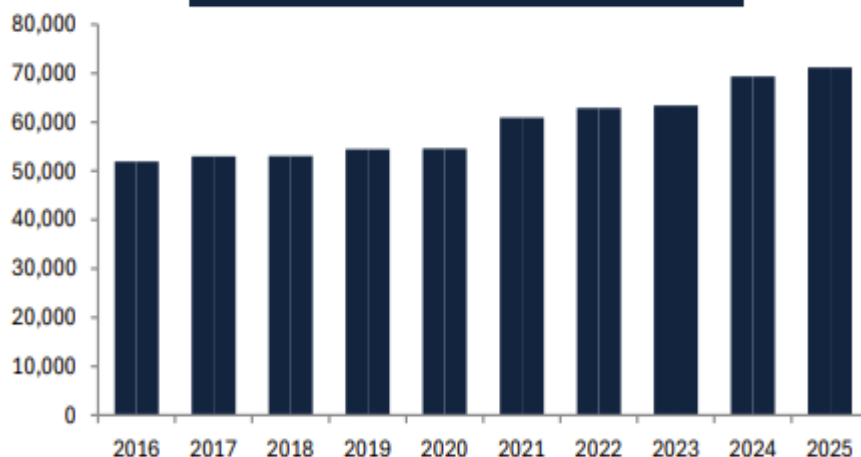
HCA Florida Lawnwood Hospital	20,986
Cleveland Clinic Tradition Medical Center	10,315
HCA Florida St. Lucie Hospital	8,973
Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital	608
Cleveland Clinic Martin North	567
Cleveland Clinic Martin Health at St. Lucie West	583
Florida Coast Medical Center	527
HCA Florida Darwin Square Emergency	155
HCA Florida Vero Beach Emergency	75
Cleveland Clinic Martin South Hospital	7

OTHER OUTCOMES

Refusal of Transport	14,941
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COUNT OF CALLS BY YEAR



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 71,203

**The communications division is
staffed 24 hours | 7 days a week
by (4) 12-hour shifts.**



The Fire District Communications Division is located at the Douglas M. Anderson Emergency Operations Center. The Division serves a vital function in advancing the Fire District's mission by providing the highest standard of emergency communications services. As the central hub of the Fire District's operations and the primary point of contact for the public, the Communications Division is responsible for receiving calls for service, collecting and disseminating critical information to the appropriate units and stations, and delivering pre-arrival instructions through the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) process. Through these essential responsibilities, Telecommunicators represent the first point of professional response in the emergency services system.

All Fire District 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.



AIR RESCUE

Staffing per shift: **3**
Calls for Service: **1,181**

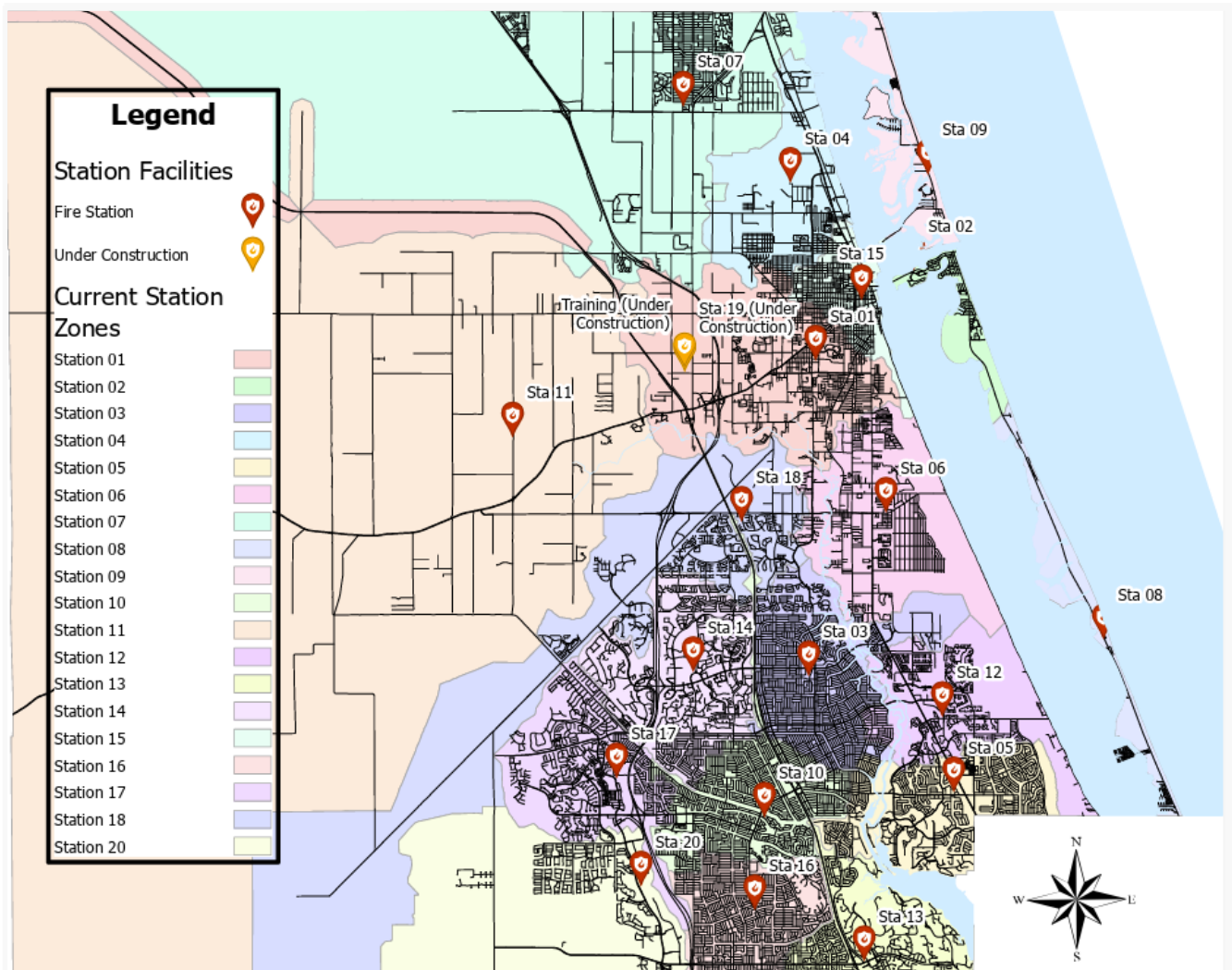


Aircraft: Eurocopter EC135

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



19 Fire Stations
 15 Engines
 04 Ladder (75 ft. Aerial)
 01 Tower (100 ft. Aerial)
 02 Heavy Rescue
 15 Brush Trucks

25 Rescue Trucks
 04 Tankers
 01 ARFF
 01 Marine Unit
 02 Beach Rescues
 02 Detail Units

All fire stations are staffed 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 01

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.

Staffing per shift: 8
Calls for Service: 11,044

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Trucks	(2)
Brush Truck	(1)
FTO Truck	(1)



FIRE STATION 02

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.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 1,732

Ladder (1)
Rescue Truck (1)

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



FIRE STATION 03

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.

Staffing per shift: 8
Calls for Service: 9,244

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Trucks	(2)
Brush Truck	(1)
Battalion Truck	(1)



FIRE STATION 04

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.

ARFF Truck	(1)
Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)
Battalion Truck	(1)
FTO Truck	(1)

Staffing per shift: 8
Calls for Service: 3,585

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



FIRE STATION 05

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.

Staffing per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 6,602

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



Ladder	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Rescue Detail	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)
FTO Truck	(1)



FIRE STATION 06

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 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.

Squad	(1)
Heavy Rescue	(1)
Tanker	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
FTO Truck	(1)

Staffing per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 6,069

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



FIRE STATION 07

4900 FORT PIERCE BLVD | FORT PIERCE



Built in 1977, Fire 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 I-95 to the west. The response zone also covers Interstate 95 from the county line south to approximately the 133-mile marker.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 3,531

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Tanker	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)



FIRE STATION 08

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 Fire 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.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 907

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Beach Rescue	(1)



FIRE STATION 09

3395 NORTH A1A | FORT PIERCE



Built in 1984, Fire 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.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 790

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine (1)
Rescue Truck (1)
Beach Rescue (1)



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.

Staffing per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 6,760

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



Ladder	(1)
Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)



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.

Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)
Tanker	(1)
Detail Unit	(1)

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 1,195

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



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, Mid-Florida Event 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.

Staffing per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 8,848

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine (1)
Rescue Trucks (2)
Brush Truck (1)



FIRE STATION 13

201 SE BECKER ROAD | PORT ST LUCIE



Originally housed in a prefabricated building, the current Fire Station 13 was built in 2003. It is the only station in the county with an illuminated helipad 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.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 2,640

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)
Tanker	(1)



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.

Tower Truck	(1)
Fire Engine	(1)
Rescue Trucks	(2)
Brush Truck	(1)
Detail Unit	(1)

Staffing per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 8,531

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



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.

Staffing per shift: 7
Calls for Service: 9,517

Fire Engine (1)
Rescue Trucks (2)

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



FIRE STATION 16

3910 SW PORT ST LUCIE BLVD | PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 16 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 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.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 4,933

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine (1)
Rescue Truck (1)
Brush Truck (1)
Battalion Truck (1)



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—one of two in the county—that also responds to technical rescues and other Special Operations calls throughout St. Lucie County.

Squad	(1)
Heavy Rescue	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)
FTO Truck	(1)

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 5,870

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



FIRE STATION 18

5160 NW MILNER DRIVE | PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 18, officially opened in May 2025 to strengthen emergency response capabilities in the northern and central portions of the city. The station was developed as part of the District's long-term strategic plan to address rapid population growth and increasing emergency call volume throughout the community. As residential development expanded across the northwest areas of Port St. Lucie, the Fire District identified the need for additional resources to maintain efficient response times and reliable coverage. Fire Station 18 serves a diverse response area consisting of established residential neighborhoods, new housing developments, schools, parks, and growing commercial corridors. Its location near key transportation routes allows fire crews to quickly access surrounding communities while also supporting neighboring stations during high call volumes or large-scale incidents. The station plays a critical role in balancing workload distribution across the district and ensuring residents receive timely emergency assistance. Overall, Fire Station 18 enhances the fire district's ability to provide rapid, reliable emergency services while supporting the continued growth and safety of the Port St. Lucie community.

Squad	(1)
Heavy Rescue	(1)
Rescue Truck	(1)
Brush Truck	(1)
Division Truck	(1)

Staffing per shift: 6
Calls for Service: 3,138

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.



FIRE STATION 20

12440 SW VILLAGE PKWY | PORT ST LUCIE



Fire Station 20 was constructed to support the rapidly expanding Tradition and southwestern Port St. Lucie area. The station is part of the district's strategic expansion plan aimed at maintaining effective emergency response coverage in areas experiencing significant residential and commercial development. Over the past decade, the Tradition community has transformed into one of the fastest-growing areas in the region, with new housing developments, healthcare facilities, retail centers, schools, and community gathering spaces. As this growth accelerated, emergency call volumes in the southwest portion of the city increased substantially. Fire Station 20 was strategically placed along SW Village Parkway to ensure firefighters and paramedics can respond quickly to emergencies throughout this expanding service area. Fire Station 20 plays a vital role in maintaining safe response times and reliable emergency services for the rapidly developing Tradition area and the greater Port St. Lucie community.

Staffing per shift: 5
Calls for Service: 2,427

Station totals exceed annual call volume due to multiple stations responding to the same incident.

Fire Engine (1)
Rescue Truck (1)
Brush Truck (1)



ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

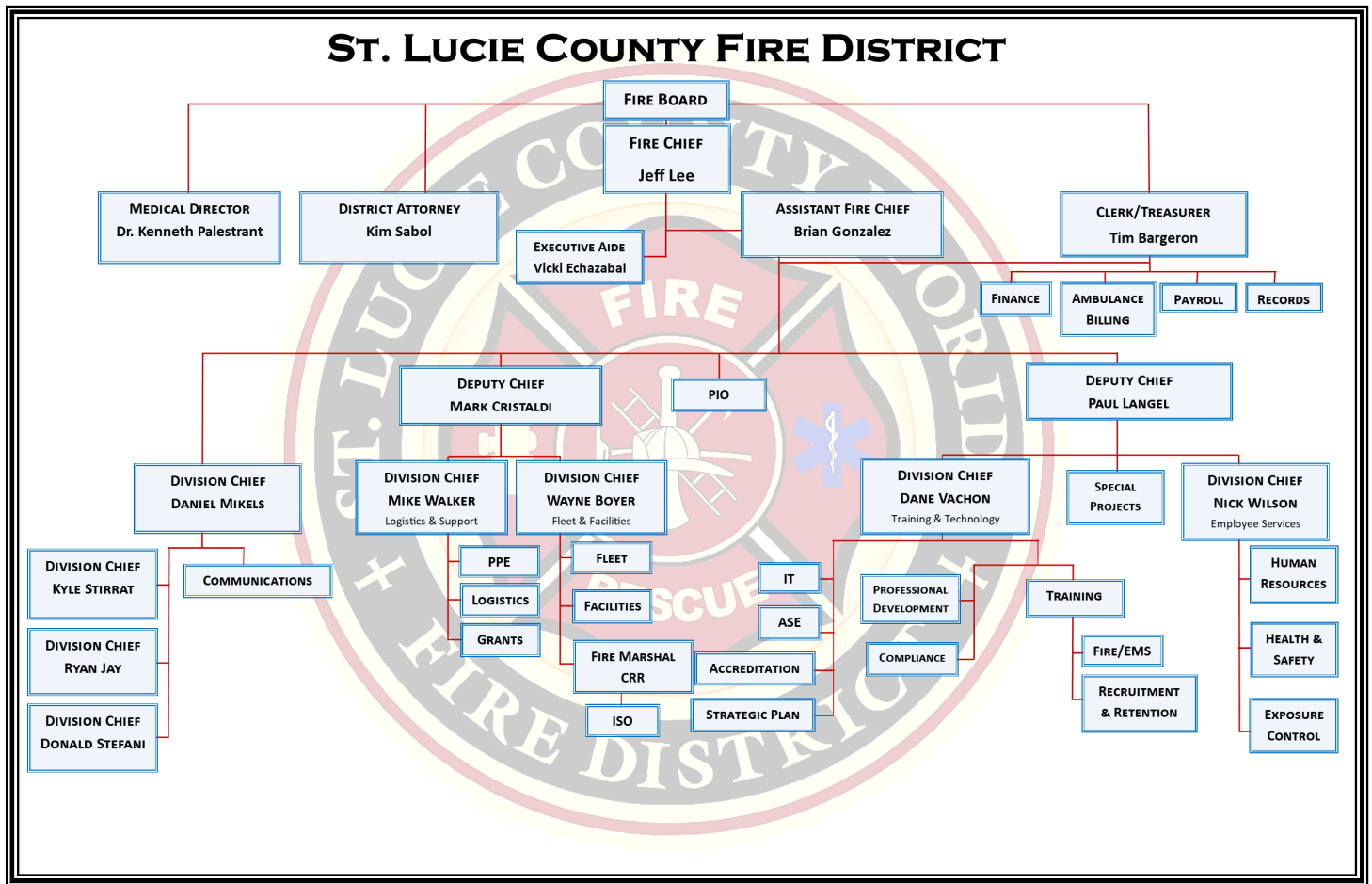
5160 NW MILNER DRIVE | PORT ST LUCIE



In 2006, all administrative and support functions were relocated to the Milner facility. This includes fleet maintenance and logistics, which operate out of separate buildings located at the rear of the property. Inside the main building, in addition to administrative offices, you'll find ambulance billing, various support services, and the Community Risk Reduction division. This division is responsible for fire inspections and investigations throughout the county, plan reviews, and fire safety education. Today, all administrative and support operations are centralized at this location.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

St. Lucie County Florida was created in 1905, with Fort Pierce serving as the county seat. In 1906, the Fort Pierce Fire Department was formed with the goal of lowering fire insurance rates and providing organized fire protection to the growing community.

As the area continued to grow, so did the need for expanded fire protection services. In 1953, the Florida legislature created a predecessor to today's fire district. The district was subsequently reestablished through additional legislative acts in 1955 and 1959 as the St. Lucie County-Fort Pierce Fire Prevention and Control District.

Over time, the organization expanded its services and coverage area to meet the needs of a growing population. In 1996, the organization formally adopted its current name, the St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD).

Today, the St. Lucie County Fire District continues to build upon its history of service, remaining committed to protecting life and property by providing safe, efficient, and professional emergency services to residents and visitors throughout the community.

DIVISIONS

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division provides overall direction, leadership, and strategic vision for the St. Lucie County Fire District. The chain of command begins with the Fire Chief, followed by the Assistant Fire Chief, then two (2) Deputy Chiefs, five (5) Division Chiefs and two (2) Battalion Chiefs. Together, this leadership oversees key administrative functions including budget preparation and maintenance, policy development, public information, payroll, logistics, employment relations, 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.

- ◆ Completed construction of Fire Station 18 and Fire Station 20
- ◆ Construction began on an addition to the existing Fleet Division facility to support growing operational needs
- ◆ Continued CORE Grant funding to support opioid recovery outreach
- ◆ Evaluated and refined the Strategic Plan to ensure it remains aligned with the organization's long-term goals
- ◆ Continued collaboration with Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, and the County to outfit intersections with Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) systems, enhancing intersection's safety and response times

AMBULANCE BILLING

The Ambulance Billing Division is responsible for processing bills related to emergency ambulance transports in St. Lucie County. Lisa Hannold serves as the billing supervisor and oversees one Quality Assurance/Coder, two Ambulance Billing Coders, and four Ambulance Billing Clerks. She manages the day-to-day operations under the direction of Clerk Treasurer Tim Barger.

- ◆ Each Billing Clerk inputs an average of 10,695 calls per year
- ◆ Charges Billed Out: \$28,070,000
- ◆ Cash Collected: \$16,250,672
- ◆ Billable Transports: 42,783

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Building & Grounds is responsible for repairs and maintenance of all fire district buildings. It is also responsible for air conditioning systems, and all fuel tanks throughout the district. They participate in budget preparations for capital improvements at all fire stations. Joey Casson is the Building & Grounds Supervisor. He oversees six (6) Maintenance Personnel and one (1) Custodian, managing daily operations under the leadership of Division Chief Wayne Boyer.

- ◆ Replaced the kitchens in stations 2,3,4,13,14, and 16
- ◆ Installed wainscoting in stations 2,4,12,16, and 17
- ◆ Painted interior of stations 2,4,16
- ◆ Installed all new LED lights in stations 2,3,4,6,8,9,11,12,16, and 17
- ◆ Installed all new A/C supplies and returns in stations 1,2,4, and 6
- ◆ Assisted in moving in new stations 18 and 20
- ◆ Installed privacy walls and added new lockers in the bunk room at station 14

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.

- ◆ Deputy Chief Mark Cristaldi, Division Chief Wayne Boyer, Fire Marshal – Battalion Chief Andres Elizondo, Site Plan and Development Review - Captain Jesse Almand, Plan Reviewers – FF/PM Dylan Seifert and FF/EMT Jessica Bolduc, Inspector and Investigators – Lieutenant Albert Votinelli, Lieutenant Jesus Monaco, FF/PM La Toya Young, FF/PM Chad Gallagher and FF/PM Tanner Selph, FF/PM Justin Guercio, FF/PM Eric Senecal, CRR Manager – Kelly Machado, Public Education Specialist – Stacey Carter
- ◆ Completed 7,541 fire inspections, 53 fire investigations and 2,517 site and plan reviews
- ◆ Site plan review, building plan review and life safety permitting accumulated \$3,066,040
- ◆ The Compliance Engine web-based software generated \$78,801 in revenue
- ◆ False Alarm Fees program accumulated \$148,695 in revenue
- ◆ Implemented First Due software to streamline CRR processes and the pre-incident process
- ◆ Participated in Ft. Pierce, Port St. Lucie and St. Lucie County development review committees to facilitate all commercial development countywide. Larger projects include; Costco Distribution Center, St. Lucie Medical Center parking garage, BJ's, FPL Solar Field and Battery Storage Systems, Amazon Cold Storage Industrial Complex, SLCFD Fire Station 20 and Logistics/Fleet buildings additions and renovations, Port St. Lucie Police Complex– Training Building, Treasure Coast Food Bank, PI Motor Club, developments including—Wylder, Legends Point, Tidewater II, Indrio Groves, Eden at Tradition, Astor Creek and Riverland

DIVISIONS

COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Division plays a key role in ensuring the District operates safely, efficiently, and in accordance with fire service standards. By maintaining strong oversight of policies, documentation, and regulatory requirements, the department helps ensure the protection of firefighters, emergency responders, and the community we serve. Consistent compliance efforts also strengthen operational accountability and support the District's commitment to meeting local, state, and federal requirements. Amy Kwasnicki serves as the Compliance Manager under the supervision of Division Chief Vachon and oversees the District's compliance initiatives.

- ◆ Submitted the Annual Compliance Report in accordance with accreditation requirements
 - ◆ Continued review and implementation of the District Strategic Plan
 - ◆ Reviewed and maintained required certificates, agreements, and regulatory documentation to ensure continuity and policy compliance
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EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

The Employment Relations Division plays an essential role in cultivating a positive, professional, and productive workplace while supporting employees and maintaining effective labor relations. This division oversees key functions, including performance management, benefits administration, risk, workers' compensation, workplace health and safety, exposure control, promotional process administration, and the seamless onboarding of new hires. Operating under the leadership of Division Chief Nicholas Wilson, the division directs daily operations and supervises a team of three (3) HR Specialists and one (1) HR Generalist, ensuring efficient and responsive service delivery across the organization.

- ◆ Processed 455 employment applications and successfully onboarded 99 new employees
 - ◆ Assisted with the promotional process, resulting in the advancement of 13 Engineers, 14 Lieutenants, 7 Captains, 2 Battalion Chiefs, and 3 Division Chiefs
 - ◆ Facilitated 17 retirements, ensuring seamless transitions while maintaining compliance with HR regulations, benefits coordination, and retirement standards.
 - ◆ Coordinated 456 annual physical examinations to support workforce health, safety, and operational readiness
 - ◆ Implemented a K-9 Therapy Team within the Health and Safety Division to enhance the Behavioral Health Assistance Program and support employee wellness initiatives
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FLEET MAINTENANCE

The Fleet Maintenance Division ensures the operational readiness and reliability of the Fire District's apparatus, support vehicles, and equipment. Responsibilities include preventative maintenance, extraction tools, fire suppression equipment, ambulance stretchers, and the testing of fire pumps, ground and fixed ladders, and more than 6,000 feet of firehose assigned to each apparatus. Fleet Maintenance is managed by Robert Kelly, who reports to Division Chief Wayne Boyer and oversees one Service/Parts Manager and five Mechanics.

- ◆ Maintained over 170 vehicles, including apparatus and white fleet
 - ◆ Completed 451 maintenance work orders district-wide
 - ◆ Placed 23 new pieces of apparatus into service
 - ◆ Performed major repairs including E35 in-frame engine overhaul and R214 engine replacement
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FINANCE / RECORDS

The Finance Division oversees all accounting activities and investment management for the Fire District's funds, while also maintaining and supervising all public records. Reporting to Fire Chief Jeff Lee, Clerk Treasurer Tim Barger manages daily operations and supervises a team consisting of one Staff Accountant, one Budget Analyst, one Payroll Clerk, one Accounting Generalist, one Accounts Payable Specialist, and one Records Custodian.

- ◆ Managed a total budget of \$209,554,167 for FY 2024-2025
 - ◆ Responded to a total of 2,600 records requests
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IT Division ensures seamless data and voice communication across the Fire District. Responsibilities include technical support, system installations, and management of critical infrastructure such as email, phone, radio, networks, Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL), Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) data links. Chief Information Officer Bret Sundblad oversees four IT Systems Administrators under the direction of Division Chief Dane Vachon.

- ◆ Maintained and enhanced critical technology systems supporting daily operations and response
- ◆ Completed system upgrades to improve security, efficiency, and device management
- ◆ Enhanced network reliability and communication systems across multiple facilities
- ◆ Supported infrastructure projects, including facility expansions and system integrations
- ◆ Strengthened cybersecurity measures, including advanced email and endpoint protection
- ◆ Secured cybersecurity grant funding to support continued technology improvements

DIVISIONS

LOGISTICS

The Logistics Division supports operational readiness by managing procurement, storage, and distribution of essential supplies and equipment across the District. Led by Logistics Supervisor John Wallace under the direction of Administrative Division Chief Michael Walker, the division ensures timely acquisition and delivery of mission-critical resources.

- ◆ Fully outfitted Station 18 and 20 with medical equipment, furnishing, uniforms, tools, and operational supplies
 - ◆ Supported onboarding and equipping of 44 new firefighters
 - ◆ Continued expansion of logistics operations to meet growing district demands
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PPE/SCBA

The PPE/ SCBA Division ensures all protective equipment and respiratory systems remain compliant, serviceable, and mission-ready.

Operational Activity:

- ◆ 7,452 pieces of gear cleaned and inspected
- ◆ 588 pieces of gear repaired
- ◆ 604 SCBA facepieces flow tested
- ◆ 250 SCBA air packs tested and serviced
- ◆ 116 firefighters outfitted in structural and dual-purpose bunker gear

Program Enhancements:

- ◆ Achieved NFPA 1850 Certification in Advanced PPE Cleaning and Inspection
 - ◆ Maintained MSA Certified SCBA Room
 - ◆ Opened a state-of-the-art PPE facility at Station 18, improving turnaround time and lifecycle management
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GRANTS

The Grants Division continued securing and managing funding to strengthen operational readiness and long-term financial stability.

2025 Funding Impact:

- ◆ \$339,464 recovered for Hurricane Milton Response efforts
- ◆ \$157,870 reimbursed for Hurricane Helene deployment
- ◆ \$5,000 State EMS Matching Grant for Cyanide antidote kit
- ◆ \$4,084,278 SAFER Grant awarded through FEMA, funding 18 firefighter positions over three years

Through strategic grant management and reimbursement recovery, the District continues leveraging external funding to enhance response capabilities while protecting financial resources.

OPERATIONS

The Operations Division is responsible for delivering front-line emergency services, including fire suppression, emergency medical response, aeromedical support, and special operations. Under the leadership of Division Chief Daniel Mikels the division operates on a three-shift schedule:

A-Shift: Division Chief Kyle Stirrat | **B-Shift:** Division Chief Ryan Jay | **C-Shift:** Division Chief Donny Stefani

With almost 500 line firefighters, the division responded to over 72,000 incidents in 2025, with over 120,000 unit responses. The men and women of this division also transported over 40,000 patients to local emergency departments. To meet increasing demands and strengthen service delivery, the following operational improvements were made:

- ◆ Station 18 placed into service increasing coverage to NW Port St Lucie and unincorporated segments of the County
- ◆ Station 20 placed into service increasing coverage to SW Port St Lucie
- ◆ R19 placed into service at Station 16
- ◆ 9 new Chief Officer and Safety Officer units placed into service
- ◆ High Water Rescue Vehicle placed into service
- ◆ 5 new Sutphen Engines placed into service
- ◆ New ARFF 216 acquired
- ◆ Glidescope, Halo Chest Seals and other EMS enhancements

DIVISIONS

Application Support Engineer (ASE)

The Application Support Engineer (ASE) team serves as the primary technology liaison for the Operations Division, ensuring the reliability, integration, and operational alignment of mission-critical software platforms that directly support emergency response activities. The ASE Division is responsible for the administration, deployment, and ongoing optimization of digital systems used for electronic workflow management, inventory and fleet tracking, incident documentation, operational reporting, and data analytics. Firefighter James Spagnuolo joined the ASE Division in 2025 and assumed responsibilities alongside Firefighter Douglas Wile. Both coordinate daily system administration, technical support, and platform optimization efforts under the direction of Division Chief Dane Vachon.

In 2025, the ASE Division successfully completed the configuration, implementation, and operational rollout of the First Due Suite consisting of Time Keeping Scheduler, EMS Incident Documentation, and Fire Incident Documentation. These deployments established standardized digital scheduling and reporting workflows across the Operations Division, improving data consistency, documentation compliance, and reporting efficiency. The ASE Division also serves a critical role in maintaining operational continuity by identifying, troubleshooting, and resolving system disruptions that may impact field personnel, documentation requirements, or dispatch-integrated workflows.

- ◆ Deployment and lifecycle management of RFID asset tracking for Fire District equipment to improve inventory accountability and equipment traceability
- ◆ Development, administration, and quality assurance of Laserfische Forms and associated workflows supports operational processes and interdivisional requests
- ◆ Retrieval, analysis, and distribution of incident response data for planning, compliance reporting, and administrative decision-making
- ◆ Real-time monitoring of CAD-integrated platforms to detect, troubleshoot, and escalate technical issues affecting operational readiness
- ◆ Configuration and support of enterprise scheduling and documentation systems utilized by suppression and EMS personnel

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public education is delivered through the Fire District's Fire & Life Safety Educator (FLSE), Stacey Carter, under the supervision of the Community Risk Reduction Division. The FLSE is responsible for developing and presenting fire and life safety programs to residents of St. Lucie County, promoting awareness, prevention, and community risk reduction.

- ◆ Dusty the Dragon delivered fire safety education to 4,405 children across St. Lucie County. Each participating child received a fire safety book to reinforce key safety lessons at home
- ◆ Collaborated with the National Federation of the Blind to expand access to home fire safety resources for blind and low-vision residents, strengthening safety and preparedness
- ◆ Through participation in high attendance community events-including the County Fair, Safety Festival, and Indian River Lagoon Science Festival-delivered fire and life safety education to 145,898 residents across the county
- ◆ Expanded community education by offering the Friends and Family CPR/AED Program in Spanish at the Women's Care Center of Fort Pierce
- ◆ Delivered 61 fire engine demonstrations, reaching 4,099 children with educational programs about firefighting career, operational responsibilities, and the specialized gear and equipment used to protect the community

TRAINING & SAFETY

The Training & Safety Division is responsible for fire and EMS training for all St. Lucie County Fire District firefighters. The division oversees health, safety, and exposure risk management initiatives to support operational readiness and personnel well-being. Under the direction of Division Chief Dane Vachon, the Division continued advancing District training initiatives in 2025, focusing on compliance, professional development, and operational preparedness.

- ◆ Released 36 paramedics to operational status
- ◆ Conducted 3 new hire orientations onboarding a total of 80 employees
- ◆ Delivered Division-wide ACLS certification training
- ◆ Conducted multiple Difficult Airway training sessions
- ◆ Provided Pediatric Resuscitation and Trauma-focused coursework
- ◆ Conducted Vehicle Machinery Rescue (VMR), LFTI, and Stryker training programs
- ◆ Continued apprentice orientation academies and structured onboarding programs
- ◆ Supported ongoing EMS and fire tool training to maintain operational proficiency

DIVISIONS

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Public Information Office is responsible for sharing information about Fire District programs, services, and events, managing media relations, and supporting community outreach. Public Information Officer (PIO) Brenda Smith also serves as the District's liaison during emergency incidents, coordinating communication between the incident commander and the media. The office operates under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Brian Gonzalez.

- ◆ Served as the central point of contact for all public education and public relations requests, coordinating intake and facilitating appropriate routing across the District
 - ◆ Assisted with planning and support of District events and community initiatives
 - ◆ Organized and compiled information for the development of the District yearbook
 - ◆ Organized retiree badges and plaques
 - ◆ Photographed new and promoted personnel for files and ID badges
 - ◆ Provided ongoing support for internal communication and outreach efforts
 - ◆ Assisted with planning and organization for 2024 Medal Day, New Hire Graduation, Push-In Ceremonies, Lil Feet Fundraiser and Big Heart Brigade
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REPRESENTING THE BADGE

SLCFD HONOR GUARD

Members of the Honor Guard and Pipes & Drums are among the most visible representatives of the Fire District, committed to serving with pride, integrity, and remembrance. Each year, they participate in local civic occasions, including parades and community events, as well as districtwide ceremonies such as dedications, graduations, promotions, and awards. The Honor Guard plans, organizes, and performs at funerals and memorial services for Fire District members, and also assists other agencies upon request. Members have represented the District at both state and national events, including the Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Ocala and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

2025 Honor Guard Members & Pipes and Drums Members



Jason Kershanick - Commander
John Wozar - Assistant Commander
Jesus Bayona
Edgar Bernier
Allen Civita
John Craton
Rob Demski
Anthony Fitzpatrick

Austin Halle
Austin Hodge
Anthony Lopez
Ryan Prussing
Salomon Rincon
Erin Storey
AJ Young
Erin Wright



2025 Events

4 Paramedic Graduations
3 Fire Academy Graduations
4 Firefighter Funerals
2 Law Enforcement Funerals
3 New Hire Graduations
PSL St. Patrick's Day Parade
PSL Christmas Parade
Ft Pierce Christmas Parade

Martin Luther King Parade
Station 20 Grand Opening
Station 18 Grand Opening
September 11 Events
Fire District Medal Day
Memorial Day Event
Armed Forces Day Event
Veterans Day Event



SLCFD FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE TEAM

Formed in 2018, the Firefighter Challenge Team has become a nationally recognized group of elite competitors. What began with individual efforts has evolved into a unified team of men and women committed to excellence and inclusion. The team has set records, earned championships, and continues to represent the Fire District with strength and resilience on the world stage.

Ladies 2025 Team

CAPTAINS: Maria Fernandez, Sasha Hernandez, & Katherine Kaltenbach
MEMBERS: Kayla Gammie, Dana Oliver, Morgan Spagnuolo, Isabel Maldonado, Alison Oestreich, Alexia French

Men's 2025 Team

CAPTAINS: Matt Coney, Brenden Ward & Justin Baker
MEMBERS: Remi Dieujuste, Dante Hill, Brian Riebe, James Spagnuolo, Trey Thompson, Maverick Mules, Caden Wilson, Danny Forkel, David Perez, Markus Rodriguez, Roderick Walker, John Edmondson, Jhonattan Lopez



Accolades

- ◆ Men's team formed in 2018
- ◆ Ladies team formed in 2022
- ◆ 12 total Lion's Den inductees (12 men, 2 woman)
- ◆ Men's team holds State, Regional & National Records (relay & FD Showdown)
- ◆ Coed team holds State, Regional & National Relay Records
- ◆ 6 National & 4 World Titles (men's team)
- ◆ 2 National & 2 World Title (coed team)
- ◆ Remi Dieujuste & Justin Baker are '25 40+ Tandem World Champions
- ◆ Remi Dieujuste and Brian Riebe are '25 Open Tandem National and World Champions (Team name "1146")
- ◆ James Spagnuolo '25 Division 2 Under 40 male World Champion
- ◆ Roderick Walker '25 Division 3 Under 40 male World Champion
- ◆ Dana Oliver '25 Division 3 Under 40 female World Champion



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

FIRE CADET PROGRAM

The Fire Cadet program has remained active and continues to grow, with nearly 50 motivated young members from the St. Lucie area. Cadets have competed across the state in events like the Florida Winter Games, Gator Games, and Cadet Fest. They have received district-sponsored scholarships and some have even joined the Fire District as firefighters. The program plays a vital role in mentoring and recruiting future firefighters.

- ◆ 3 cadets awarded District scholarships to the Fire Academy at IRSC
- ◆ Anthony Williams named 2025 Fire Cadet of the Year

AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAMS

In 2021, Lt. Adam Zuccaro and the Firefighter Benevolent brought a local chapter of Surfers for Autism to St. Lucie County. Through their continued efforts and fundraising, they have supported The St Lucie County Firefighters Surfers for Autism Chapter and serviced over 200 kids at the St Lucie County beach sessions. The St Lucie County Firefighters Autism Awareness and Acceptance program expanded initiatives across the county. In 2025, the St. Lucie County Firefighters Autism Awareness and Acceptance Program donated \$5,000 to the Surfers for Autism Foundation. An additional \$5,000 was donated to the school board, allowing us to adopt 50 special needs classrooms. The program also raised and donated \$1,000 to support the Dunn's Kid's Foundation during the 2025 Touch-A-Truck event. Throughout the year, several events were held to promote autism awareness and acceptance in our community, including the Firefighter Takeover of Mission BBQ and the 6th Annual SLCFF Chili Cook-Off. This ongoing effort continues to demonstrate the power of community, compassion, and commitment to making a difference.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY LIL FEET

Lil Feet, a nonprofit founded by Fire District personnel in 2009, began with firefighters purchasing shoes and socks for a child in need. Now a 501(c)(3) organization, Lil Feet is led by a dedicated board of Fire District personnel and their families. The annual Art Auction & Firefighter Dinner, endorsed by the Fire District and Firefighters Benevolent Association, raised more than \$57,000 in 2025. Also in 2025, working with local schools and youth organizations, Lil Feet provided \$35,294 in shoes, socks, and under garments to children in need throughout St. Lucie County.—For more information, follow us at facebook.com/LilFeetofSLC

BIG HEART BRIGADE

Members of the St. Lucie County Fire District have been feeding local families at Thanksgiving since 1992. In 2008, the Treasure Coast Big Heart Brigade became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Operated entirely by volunteers, the Brigade relies on community fundraisers and support from local hospitals and businesses to make its mission possible. In 2025, the Treasure Coast Big Heart Brigade made a significant impact—delivering over 1700 meals and cooking more than 280 turkeys to serve hot Thanksgiving meals to more than 3,500 people throughout St. Lucie County. — For more information, please follow us at facebook.com/bigheartbrigadetc

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 2025, Christmas 4 Kids delivered over 5000 gifts and clothing to more than 900 children. They also provided new underwear, socks, sports bras and undershirts to each child. Due to generous donors & our local community, SLCFDC4K provided toys & clothing to 6 Grace Pack schools (schools that provide food and support to children in need) and over a dozen youth agencies throughout the Christmas season. This was possible through the generous support of the community and the 70 local businesses that hosted toy drives. — For more information, please visit slcfdchristmas4kids.com.



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