

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE 2023-2024 INDIAN RIVER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE LIEUTENANT, SERGEANT, ENGINEER, FIREMEDIC, AND UNIT OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1923, local volunteers established the first fire department in Indian River County; The Vero Beach Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the past century, the department transitioned from a volunteer to a career organization; from a department crewed solely by trained Firefighters to today's crews who are dual certified in firefighting and emergency medical response, as well as being trained in a multitude of specialized disciplines and disaster response; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the leadership of Indian River County Fire Rescue reinstated the long-standing tradition of annually recognizing those among their ranks who perform their duties in a manner that exemplifies a competency reflecting the highest of standards, supporting fellow Fire Medics in achieving their goals, supporting the department's goals and policies, and regularly demonstrating the ability to lead or follow based upon the existing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County Fire Rescue is proud to announce the award recipients for 2023-2024:

Lieutenant of the Year, Brad Eskew;
Sergeant of the Year, Mim Strote;
Engineer of the Year, Blake Bartholomew;
Fire Medic of the Year, Tamas Boroczky; and
Unit: Donald Jones, Garrett Dancy, Bryant Smith and Mario Navarro

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board supports the efforts of our Fire Rescue Department to Publicly commend those members whose dedication, loyalty, productivity, and professionalism have been recognized by their co-workers and chain of command.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners is grateful to all of our Indian River County first responders and the valuable services they provide to all residents and visitors to our community.

Adopted this 17th day of October 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Joseph H. Earman, Chairman