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Oakland Park to Recognize Deputies for Heroic Recue of Elderly Resident from Burning Home

OAKLAND PARK, Fla….(January 31, 2011) – The Oakland Park City Commission will recognize the heroic actions of two Broward Sheriff's Office deputies and the life-saving skills of Oakland Park Fire Rescue personnel who recently rescued, an elderly man from his burning house

Shortly after 7 a.m. on January 22, Deputy Pete Storey and Deputy Neil Dodge rushed into the smoke-filled home at 4311 NE 17 Avenue and found an unresponsive 80-year-old man in the master bedroom overcome by smoke. They carried him from the home where they were met by Oakland Park Fire Rescue paramedics who administered respiratory treatment to the victim who was initially unresponsive.

Oakland Park Fire Rescue paramedics helped the patient regain consciousness and transported him to Holy Cross Hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation. The man was hospitalized for a several days, but reportedly has made a successful recovery.

Oakland Park Chief of Fire Rescue Donald P. Widing praised the deputies and firefighter paramedics for their life-saving efforts.

"The quick actions by BSO deputies entering a highly smoke-charged structure, retrieving the victim, and effective administration provided by Oakland Park paramedics reflects favorably on the cooperative actions of the public safety professionals that serve our community," Chief Widing stated.

NOTE: The Deputies will receive Life Safety Commendations from the City at the February 2, 2011 City Commission meeting at Oakland Park City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Avenue. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Life Safety Commendations will be presented at approximately 6:35 p.m.