

**PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE-RESCUE  
BATTALION 2**

**DATE:** June 6, 2014

**TO:** Village of Wellington- Public Safety Committee  
**FROM:** Michael R. Arena-Battalion Chief   
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Please accept this nomination for Captain Kimberly Hude as the Village of Wellington Top Firefighter for 2014. Captain Kimberly Hude's efforts span many years of initiative, dedication, and commitment to excellence towards the residents, visitors, citizens of the Village of Wellington and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. She has been involved with numerous community events within the Village and was recently highlighted in "Wellington The Magazine" feature on September 11 through the Wellington Preservation Coalition (copy attached- Capt Hude is on the extreme left).

In reviewing her personnel file we have found many significant accolades and letters of appreciation from the people she has helped over the years. One of these was a high profile cardiac arrest at the LA Fitness in Wellington. Capt Hude was working out when Mr. Matt Murray collapsed and his heart stopped beating, Captain Hude quickly went into action, utilized the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) on site and ultimately saved Mr. Murray's life.

Capt Hude presently serves as a floating Captain for the Wellington Fire Stations and takes the time to train the crews on new equipment and procedures so as to ensure the best level of service for the citizens we respond to. In addition, to her normal duties Capt Hude serves an integral role in the Battalion's Hurricane command team and the Palm Beach County All Hazards Incident Management Team. On the Battalion's team she serves as the Planning Section Chief. On her own time she has taken a myriad of classes specifically geared towards all hazard incident response along with position specific classes geared towards managing and planning for high profile disasters within a community.

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On the Palm Beach County All Hazards Incident Management Team she serves as the Safety Officer and has taken significant off duty time preparing and taking pre-requisite courses to fulfill her role on the team. During the Isaac floods, Capt Hude played an integral role working in the areas command post and worked long tireless days assisting with the local relief, recovery and mitigation of the event. To further prepare she took time out of her schedule to attend this year's Governor's Hurricane Conference. In addition to all these efforts she recently competed for the Department wide District Chief promotional process and is on the promotional roster. This will not only put her in a position of greater responsibility within the organization but will also allow us to utilize her to fill in for command staff in the Village of Wellington when necessary. Capt Hude is also extremely appreciative and respectful of the sacrifices others have made and one of the ways she displayed this was by traveling and participating in the FDNY Tunnel to Tower Run in New York City in honor of New York's FF Stephen Siller who used to run the same 5 mile path before FF Siller, along with 342 other firefighters lost their lives during the tragic events of September 11, 2001..

Captain Hude also participates in several committees and organizations. Specifically, she is involved with the Palm Beach County recruitment team working in conjunction with the Recruitment Team Coordinator seeking people to be the future of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. Whether she is at a career fair at one of our high schools or doing a Public Education presentation at one of the elementary schools, Capt Hude is always there to represent the department with pride and professionalism. Capt Hude is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society (F.O.O.L.S) which promotes bravery, integrity, honor, and pride among firefighters and is also in fundraisers, charity events, and helping disadvantaged children receive gifts during the holidays.

Captain Hude's career spans nearly 19 years and she has always been dedicated and willing to do whatever is necessary to do the job. She has risen through the ranks and demonstrated a "can do" attitude while exhibiting exceptional compassion and patience with the people she responds to. We are fortunate to have her both as a resident and as a firefighter in the Village of Wellington. It is my privilege to nominate her as the Top Firefighter for the Village of Wellington for 2014.



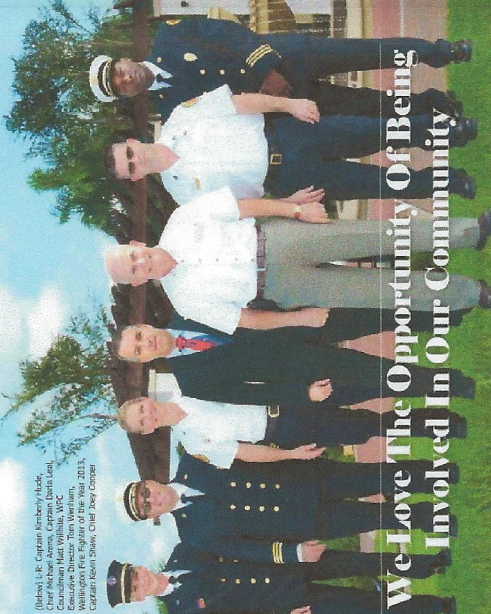
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We honor all the men and women who serve our communities with pride. Our first responders, firefighters, police, paramedics, doctors, nurses and volunteers who work hard to save lives on a daily basis! We celebrate them and their courage.

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(l-r): Lt. Capt. Kimberly Abate, Captain Robert Jones, Lt. Capt. Robert Jones, Chairman Matt Williams, WPC Executive Director Tom Williams, Captain Robert Jones, Lt. Capt. Robert Jones, Captain Robert Jones, Chief David Cooper



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