

Good Samaritan Award

Okeechobee Field Station employees Ivan Clements and Robert Rimes are being recognized for their willingness to assist a stranded motorist.

On August 29, 2006, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Ivan and Robbie were returning to the field station when they witnessed a tractor-trailer run off the side of the road and roll over. Ivan and Robbie were the first to arrive on scene. They went to the driver's side of the vehicle and Robbie noticed diesel fuel pouring all over the cab and in the cab, but did not see the driver. They went to the passenger's side and found the driver who was visibly shaken and disoriented. To prevent imminent danger, they removed him from the truck. Afterward, an off-duty fire rescue worker arrived on scene and helped carry the injured man to a nearby shade tree until authorities were contacted and on-scene.

We commend Ivan and Robert for their quick action and dedication to the public we serve.