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MARION FIREFIGHTERS BEGIN ANNUAL HOLIDAY HELPERS DRIVE

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Nov. 21, 2011) – For more than 10 years, Marion County Fire Rescue firefighters have helped meet the needs of families struggling to eat, stay warm and bring joy home during the holiday season. As part of this annual effort, MCFR firefighters are asking the community to partner with their Holiday Helpers drive by donating clothing, toys or nonperishable food to underprivileged children this holiday season.

From now until Friday, Dec. 16, MCFR will collect toys, jackets and other warm clothing for children of all ages (newborn to teen) as well as nonperishable food, giving families hope for the holidays. Crews will pre-identify the most vulnerable families with help from local schools.

Citizens can drop off new and unwrapped items at MCFR Headquarters (2631 SE Third St., Ocala), MCFR Operations (3230 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala) or any of the county's 24 career fire stations listed below.

Anthony Station 1	Bellevue Station 18
Citra Station 2	Sparr Station 19
East Marion Station 4	Golden Ocala Station 20
South Forest Station 6	Friendship Station 21
Ft. McCoy Station 7	Rainbow Springs Station 22
Orange Lake Station 9	Marion Oaks Station 24
The Villages of Marion Station 10	Weirsdale Station 27
North Marion Station 11	Rolling Greens Station 28
Meadowood Farms Station 12	Spruce Creek Station 30
Salt Springs Station 15	Ray Lloyd, Jr. Station 31
Shady Station 16	Liberty Station 32
Silver Springs Shores Station 17	Operations Station 33

MCFR's Holiday Helpers toy, clothing and nonperishable food drive reaches hundreds of children and families each holiday season. For more information, contact MCFR at 352-291-8000.

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