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### **BYSTANDERS PULL MAN FROM MULTI-DWELLING FIRE; FIRE CONTAINED TO ONE ROOM**

Immediate Release

**MARION COUNTY, Fla.** (Sept. 2, 2009) – Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) firefighters from five stations responded to a multi-dwelling structure fire in On Top of the World Communities (8686 S.W. 97th Lane Road) today. The residential complex consists of nine units which are approximately 1,300 square feet each. Crews were dispatched at 11:08 a.m. and on-scene within six minutes, arriving at 11:14 a.m.

Two bystanders who were working in the area saw smoke coming from behind one of the homes and went to investigate. They knocked on the door, and when they received no response, turned the knob to see if it was open. They crawled into the smoke-filled house and found a male patient in his 70s lying on the floor. They immediately dragged him to safety while a third co-worker called 911. The patient was transported to West Marion Community Hospital by MCFR's Rescue 532.

MCFR firefighters contained the fire, which occurred in a bedroom in the rear of the home, to the single room and called it under control at 11:39 a.m. None of the remaining eight units were affected, and the fire did not appear to be suspicious. One of the bystanders was also transported (non-emergency) to West Marion Community Hospital for smoke inhalation, while the other refused transport.

MCFR encourages citizens to follow these fire safety tips:

- Maintain working smoke alarms in every sleeping area and in common areas, such as living rooms and hallways, to ensure a prompt alert of fire in the home.
- Immediately call 911 in the event of a fire.
- Call 911 from outside the home.
- Develop and practice fire escape plans with all occupants of the home.
- Never go inside a burning building for any reason.

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