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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO STRUCTURE FIRE; FOUR FATALITIES

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Aug. 5, 2011) – Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) firefighters from five stations and Ocala Fire Rescue (OFR) firefighters from one station responded to a structure fire at 5366 NW 5th Street, Ocala early this morning.

The incident occurred in an enclave, which is an area that is serviced by the county but is surrounded by areas that are serviced by the city. An Automatic Aid Agreement exists between MCFR and OFR for enclaves, such that both agencies will automatically dual-respond to emergencies within these areas.

MCFR was dispatched at 12:46 a.m. and was on-scene within seven minutes at 12:53 a.m. Upon arrival, the fire consumed 25 percent of the approximately 2,000 square foot block structure, and flames could be seen through the roof. Firefighters immediately began an offensive attack on the blaze and were able to contain it to 50 percent of the home.

Four casualties were located in the home: two adults and two children. The Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the causes of death as well as the cause of the fire.

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