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YOUNG CHILD RECOGNIZED FOR HELP IN MOM'S RESCUE

Immediate Release



Harbour View Elementary School student, Stephen Flanner, 8, poses against Marion County Fire Rescue Engine 30 during a tour of Spruce Creek Station 30 on January 24, 2012. Stephen was recognized by firefighters who responded to his 911 call on September 17, 2011. Stephen was honored for his bravery and composure during an emergency situation in which his mother lost consciousness. Photos by Marion County Fire Rescue

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Jan. 26, 2012) - Harbour View Elementary School Student, Stephen Flanner, 8, was recognized by Marion County Fire Rescue on January 24, 2012 for the bravery and composure he showed during an emergency on Sept. 17, 2011.

When his mother, Kristin Metcalf, began having a severe asthma attack, she asked Stephen to run across the street to his grandmother's house for help. In the meantime Kristin lost consciousness. When Stephen couldn't locate his grandmother he called 911. Stephen, who was 7 years old at the time, calmly provided dispatchers with the necessary information and then watched after his 2-year-old sister until rescuers arrived seven minutes later.

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“He did outstanding. He did better than most adults do during an emergency situation,” MCFR Firefighter/Paramedic Brent Murray said during Tuesday’s recognition event.

To honor Stephen for a job well done, MCFR invited him, his mother and his sister to meet their rescuers and to take a tour of Spruce Creek Station 30, 7900 SE 135th St., Summerfield. During their visit, Stephen was presented with a goody bag, had the chance to climb aboard engine and rescue vehicles and took a tour of the station. Crew members from South Forest Station 6, who also responded to Stephen’s emergency call, were also present.

During the event, Metcalf credited public education efforts and Stephen’s previous teacher for providing students instruction on what to do during an emergency situation. Each year, Marion County Fire Rescue makes it a priority to visit all public elementary schools within the county during October’s Fire Prevention Month campaign, which teaches children how to communicate with operators during a 911 emergency and the importance of having a family safety evacuation plan.



Kristin Metcalf hugs her son as they share their story with Marion County Firefighters at Spruce Creek Station 30 on January 24, 2012.

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