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MCFR AWARDS STUDENTS FOR FIRE PREVENTION POSTERS Photo Opportunity/Interviews Available

- WHO:** Marion County Fire Rescue officials, Marion County Commissioners and six elementary school poster contest winners
- WHAT:** 2009 Fire Prevention Month Poster Contest Winner Presentation
- WHEN:** Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at 9 a.m.
- WHERE:** McPherson Government Complex Auditorium (601 SE 25th Ave.)
- WHY:** Hundreds of Marion County elementary school students heated up their imaginations recently, creating safety posters during MCFR’s 2009 “Always Ready!” Fire Prevention Month campaign.

After much consideration and tough competition, fire officials pick the hottest posters with the coolest interpretations of the “Always Ready” theme. At Tuesday’s board meeting, Marion County Commissioners and fire rescue leaders will recognize the following poster contest winners:

Kindergarten	Emory Notke	Stanton - Weirsdale Elementary School
Grade 1	Brandon Parkers	Dr. N.H. Jones Elementary School
Grade 2	Bethany Reffner	Ocala Christian Academy
Grade 3	Angelina Bigi	Hammett Bowen, Jr. Elementary School
Grade 4	Katelynn Robison	College Park Elementary School
Grade 5	Christian Hernandez	South Ocala Elementary School

The winners will receive a trophy as well as goodies from MCFR’s community partners: Easy Street Family Fun Center[®], Barnes and Noble,[®] AMF Bowling Centers and Fun Factory, Inc[®].

MCFR invites both public and private elementary school students in grades K-5 to participate in the annual fire poster contest. Each school picks an overall poster winner for each grade, and those posters are then sent to MCFR Headquarters for judging.

Fire departments across the country recognize National Fire Prevention Week, but MCFR turns this week-long campaign into a month-long calendar of events. Overall, MCFR and Ocala firefighters reached more than 22,000 children during October’s Fire Prevention Month, teaching them life-saving fire safety messages.