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ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR WINNING FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Immediate Release

- WHO:** Marion County Fire Rescue officials, Marion County Commissioners and six elementary school poster contest winners (grades K – 5)
- WHAT:** Fire Prevention Month 2011 poster contest winner presentation
- WHEN:** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 ▪ 9 a.m.
- WHERE:** McPherson Complex Auditorium (601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala)
- WHY:** Students from across Marion County put their imaginations to work, creating posters incorporating Fire Prevention Month's 2011 message "Get Down. Get Out. Get On the Phone!"

At next Tuesday's board meeting, Marion County Commissioners and fire rescue leaders will recognize the following poster contest winners:

Kindergarten	Jasmine Barnett	Evergreen Elementary
Grade 1	Derrick Williams	Blessed Trinity School
Grade 2	Vanessa Maldonado	Madison Street Academy
Grade 3	Hailey Burnsworth	Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary
Grade 4	Kaitlynn Kirby	Maplewood Elementary
Grade 5	Victoria Blanchette	Bellevue Elementary

The winners will receive prizes totaling more than \$1,200 from MCFR's community partners: Paul Davis Restoration (medals and trophies), Baskin Robbins®/Dunkin Donuts® (the South Pine Avenue, State Road 200 and East Silver Springs Boulevard locations) and McDonald's® (the Northwest Pine Avenue, Southeast Maricamp Road, Southwest Highway 484, Southwest 27th Avenue, Southwest 38th Court and two Silver Springs Boulevard locations).

Fire departments across the country recognize National Fire Prevention Week, but MCFR has expanded it into a monthlong campaign since 2007. Overall, firefighters reached approximately 20,000 children during this year's campaign, teaching them life-saving fire safety messages.

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