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FLORIDA'S 2015 SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IS FEBRUARY 2 - 6
~Statewide Tornado Drill Scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at 10:10 AM EST / 9:10 AM CST~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Florida will recognize Severe Weather Awareness Week February 2-6, 2015, Governor Scott proclaimed Friday. The Florida Division of Emergency Management will recognize elementary school students across the state as part of this year’s Severe Weather Awareness Week poster contest. A Statewide Tornado Drill will be held on Wednesday, February 4 at 10:10 AM EST / 9:10 AM CST.

Winners for the elementary school poster contest were selected from each of the seven FDEM regions. Poster contest winners will be honored during the week as a part of Florida’s Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Poster Contest Winners:
Emilyssa Luebano
Ponce de Leon Elementary, Ponce de Leon, Fla.

Faheem Khan
Florida State University School, Tallahassee, Fla.

Julia Watkins
Palencia Elementary School, St. Augustine, Fla.

Laura Robayo
Ridgeway Global Studies Academy, Davenport, Fla.

Ansley Smith
Bentley Elementary School, Sanford, Fla.

Isabelle Laidler
Central Elementary School, Clewiston, Fla.

Oscar Muscatella
Equestrian Trails Elementary School, Wellington, Fla.

The public is encouraged to participate by voting online 2015 Severe Weather Awareness Video for the annual Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest. To vote visit the Kids Get A Plan Facebook page, facebook.com/KidsGetAPlan. The finalist videos are available under the “video” section under 2015 Severe Weather Awareness Week Video PSA Finalists. Floridians can vote for their favorite by “liking” the video on the page. Voting will be open through February 13. The winning PSAs from each category will be professionally reproduced and aired statewide as part of the Get A Plan marketing campaign.
Video PSA Contest Finalists:

High School
Rip Current Safety
Henri Cupi, Arielle Damewood, Kevin Lehman, Paige Stephenson
Mandarin High School
Jacksonville, Fla.

Stay Onshore If You Are Unsure
Angelica Ford, Ryan Walsh
Boca Raton High School
Boca Raton, Fla.

Storm and Hurricane Safety
Jorge Espin Salvador
Boca Raton High School
Boca Raton, Fla.

T and T Productions
Joshua Evangelista, Brian Teachey
Palmetto High School
Palmetto, Fla.

The Unseen Danger
Anthony Fins, Alexander Gonzalez, Hadley Zabrowski
Charles W. Flanagan High School
Pembroke Pines, Fla.

Middle School
Flood Safety
Ximena Chafoque
Center Montessori School
Bradenton, Fla.

Florida Flood Facts
Steffen Kratzberg, Matthew Livingston, Rebeca Munoz, Haley Romine
Dunnellon Middle School
Dunnellon, Fla.

Rip Current Safety
Saiabhina Devulapalli
Florida State University School
Tallahassee, Fla.

FDEM would like to thank the 2015 Severe Weather Awareness Week partners for their continued support: Florida Association of Broadcasters, Florida Power and Light, Florida Gators IMG Sports Network, Florida State Seminoles IMG Sports Network, American Red Cross, National Weather Service, and Volunteer Florida.

For additional information about Severe Weather Awareness Week, and to Get A Plan, visit www.FLGetAPlan.com. Follow FDEM on Twitter at @FLGetAPlan, Instagram@FLGetAPlan, and Facebook.com/KidsGetAPlan or Facebook.com/FloridaDivisionofEmergencyManagement.

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