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FDEM ANNOUNCES 2013 SWAW VIDEO PSA CONTEST WINNERS

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), in conjunction with National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, announces the 2013 Severe Weather Awareness Week Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Middle and High School Contest winners.

FDEM and partners would like to congratulate the high school winner Justin Burt of Lawton Chiles High School in Tallahassee, FL, and the winning middle school team of Aolani Brown, Danielle Charboneau, Reanne DeGraff and Amilah Eoonous of Liberty Middle School in Ocala, FL. Students from across the state submitted entries in this year’s contest, and the public voted for their favorites from among the finalists.

“I would like to congratulate each of the finalists for their entries to this year’s contest. For their efforts to help Floridians prepare for severe weather, each finalist will receive a scholarship provided through Volunteer Florida to help prepare for their future education,” said FDEM Director Bryan W. Koon. “During National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, all Floridians should remember to remain aware of severe weather throughout the year to be sure our families and communities are prepared.”

The winning High School and Middle School entries will have their videos professionally reproduced and aired throughout the state as part of FDEM’s 2013 Media Campaign.

Video PSA Contest Winners

High School Entries:
1st Place – “Flood Safety Puppy” by Justin Burt
Lawton Chiles High School, Tallahassee, FL

2nd Place – “Make a Plan: Flood” by Nick Markart and Spencer Perl
Palmetto Ridge High School, Naples, FL

3rd Place – “Know Yours!” by Bryanna Stuart
Port St. Joe High School, Port St. Joe, FL

Middle School Entries:
1st Place – “Get A Plan” by Aolani Brown, Reanne DeGraff, Danielle Charboneau and Amilah Eoonous
Liberty Middle School, Ocala, FL

2nd Place – “Breaking News” by Jesse Velazquez
Arvida Middle School, Miami, FL

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3rd Place – “Listen, Watch, Evacuate” by Sara Reyes
Arvida Middle School, Miami, FL

FDEM would like to thank their 2013 Severe Weather Awareness Week partners for their continued support: AT&T, Florida Association of Broadcasters, Florida Power and Light, Florida Gators IMG Sports Network, Florida State Seminoles IMG Sports Network, American Red Cross, Florida Department of Education, National Weather Service, and Volunteer Florida.

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