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FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCES 2012 SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK POSTER AND VIDEO PSA CONTEST WINNERS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL – As part of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week public preparedness campaign, Florida emergency management officials today announce the winners of the annual poster and video public service announcement contests at a kickoff event at Downtown Disney in Lake Buena Vista.

“The annual Severe Weather Awareness Week is one of the Division’s best opportunities to educate our residents and visitors about the potential weather hazards that affect the Sunshine State,” said Bryan W. Koon, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “We are grateful to our partners in this event and we congratulate this year’s poster and public service announcement contest winners. Their creativity will assist the Division in providing potentially lifesaving disaster preparedness information about these natural weather hazards to their fellow Floridians.”

More than 700 students statewide participated in the poster and video public service announcement contests, through a partnership with the American Red Cross.

Poster Contest Winners:

1st Place: Kadon Smith
5th Grade
Canopy Oaks Elementary School, Tallahassee, Florida

2nd Place: Emmanuel Valdez
5th Grade
Westside Elementary School, Clewiston, Florida

3rd Place: Olivia Choutupalli
5th Grade
Florida State University School, Tallahassee, Florida

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Video PSA Contest Winners:

1st Place Winner: Justin Burt

11th Grade

Lawton Chiles High School, Tallahassee, Florida

Runner-Up Winner(s): Kaitlin Upton, Eric Martin and Tony Nelson

10th Grade

Cape Coral High School, Cape Coral, Florida

Additional Severe Weather Awareness Week sponsors include the Florida Association of Broadcasters, the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, Radio Disney and the American Red Cross.

To learn more about Severe Weather Awareness Week and how to be prepared for severe weather, visit <http://www.FloridaDisaster.org/SWAW/>. For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and GET A PLAN!, please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FloridaSERT and on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/FLSERT.

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