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Wakulla County Public Safety Achieves Fire Safety Goal:

Crawfordville, Florida – The members of the Wakulla County Volunteer Firefighters' Association and the Wakulla County Fire Department held educational trainings throughout the County to achieve the specific goal of "Fire Safety" as part of Fire Prevention Month held in October.

The objective of achieving Fire Safety is a state and federal standard shared with Fire Departments all over the Country. The fire prevention related groups included members of our County and State community. A direct result of their assistance made the fire prevention effort a success this year. 3000 children and 361 adults through day cares, schools, girl scouts, home school groups, public and private schools, and public educational events were made aware of the important matter of fire safety. "Fire Prevention Week is one of my favorite times of year as a firefighter; we really enjoy getting out and interacting with the kids. Our goal is to present fire prevention and fire safety tips to the kids in a way that is fun and engaging. Every year, following our visit to the schools, we get letters from students thanking us and describing what they learned. Knowing the kids actually learn from us is very rewarding", said Ian Brazier, Volunteer Firefighter, Station 8.

"While this effort was a remarkable achievement, we are hoping that this effort can be developed even further for years to come", commented Scott McDermid, Public Safety Director. The Department of Public Safety requests that any Church, Community Group, Day Care Center, and Home School interested in learning more about fire prevention, fire education, and fire safety training, contact Colleen Skipper at (850) 745-8697.

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