



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF

MEDIA RELEASE

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Nature of Event: Sheriff Awards Children and Schools for Disaster Preparedness

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Unit Responsible: Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services

Narrative:

Earlier this year, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services partnered with the Ventura County School Districts in observance of September as National Preparedness Month. All Ventura County public school children were invited to accept the challenge of preparing for emergencies and participate in four disaster preparedness multi-media art contests held throughout Ventura County. The contest categories include: art, photo, video and essay. Each of the four contests focused on the importance of having an emergency supply kit, developing a family communications plan or being informed about the local hazards in our community.

The Sheriff's Department received 498 submissions from children throughout Ventura County. "Our hope is that these projects will facilitate discussions in the schools and at home, and therefore assist families in being more prepared for emergencies," said Cynthia Elliott, Public Information Officer for the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.

Thirty-two contest winners were selected by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and invited to an Awards Ceremony on December 8, 2008. The ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 PM at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference Center in Camarillo. The winning submissions will also be displayed during the award presentation. Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks, Ventura County Supervisor Peter Foy, American Red Cross CEO Chris Johnson and Assistant Director of Disaster Services Laura Hernandez will be presenting the awards to the children, schools and districts honored in this ceremony.

Contest winners include:

Division 1 / Art Contest / Individual Award:	Guadalupe Martinez
Division 2 / Art Contest / Individual Award:	Karis Kim
Division 3 / Art Contest / Individual Award:	Judith Gonzalez
Division 3 / Art Contest / Grade Award:	6 th Grade, Ocean View Junior High School
Division 3 / Art Contest / School Award:	Ocean View Junior High School
Division 3 / Art Contest / District Award:	Ocean View School District
Division 4 / Art Contest / Individual Award:	Chelsey Fisher
Division 4 / Art Contest / Individual Award:	Jose Martin Rodriguez
Division 4 / Art Contest / Individual Award:	Karen Hong
Division 4 / Art Contest / Grade Award:	12 th Grade, Simi Valley High School
Division 4 / Art Contest / School Award:	Simi Valley High School
Division 4 / Art Contest / District Award:	Simi Valley Unified School District

Division 1 / Essay Contest / Individual Award:	J.J. Mazzola
Division 2 / Essay Contest / Individual Award:	Nicole S. Miller
Division 3 / Essay Contest / Individual Award:	Clarissa Melgoza
Division 3 / Essay Contest / Grade Award:	7 th Grade, Ocean View Junior High School
Division 3 / Essay Contest / School Award:	Ocean View Junior High School
Division 3 / Essay Contest / District Award:	Ocean View School District
Division 1 / Photo Contest / Individual Award:	Kaden Bray
Division 3 / Photo Contest / Individual Award:	Jaquelin Mata
Division 1 / Video Contest / Individual Award:	Jordan Butler
Division 2 / Video Contest / Individual Award:	Isabella Broida
Division 3 / Video Contest / Individual Award:	Jackson Tovar
Division 3 / Video Contest / Grade Award:	8 th Grade, R.J. Frank Intermediate School
Division 3 / Video Contest / School Award:	R.J. Frank Intermediate School
Division 3 / Video Contest / District Award:	Oxnard School District
Division 4 / Video Contest / Individual Award:	Judith Hoeflinger
Division 4 / Video Contest / Individual Award:	Cody Baird
Division 4 / Video Contest / Individual Award:	Chris Organ
Division 4 / Video Contest / Grade Award:	12 th Grade, Simi Valley High School
Division 4 / Video Contest / School Award:	Simi Valley High School
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