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Citizen Commendation Ceremony

On Friday September 5, 2008, at approximately 2:30pm a crash involving a cement mixer truck, a Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend bus, an SUV and van occurred on Capital Circle Southeast at the East Orange Avenue extension. As a result of this tragic crash there was one fatality, Ronshay Dugans, an 8yoa third grader at Apalachee Elementary School. Twenty-nine other children on the bus survived and received varying degrees of injuries, from cuts and bruises to emotional trauma.

The scale and scope of this tragedy touched and forever changed many lives that day. As first responders from the Tallahassee Fire Department, Tallahassee Police Department, Leon County Emergency Medical Services and the Leon County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene, it was all too clear that this critical incident would require the resources of all responding agencies. During the first few minutes and even hours later, many citizens who had witnessed the crash and the aftermath assisted first responders in evacuating the children from the bus, getting the children to a safe area, helping with triage of the injured and assisting with the reunification of the scared and injured children with their parents.

On Wednesday March 4, 2009, at 10:00am Sheriff Larry Campbell and representatives from the Tallahassee Police Department, Tallahassee Fire Department, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, Leon County Schools and the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Big Bend will be in attendance as twelve citizens receive Citizen Commendations for their heroic efforts during this catastrophic event.

What: Citizen Commendation Ceremony

When: Wednesday March 4, 2009 at 10:00am

Where: 2528 Capital Circle Southeast at the Animal Hospital and Pet Resort at Southwood

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Agenda

10:00am – Opening Comments – Sheriff Larry Campbell

10:02am – Moment of Silent Reflection in Honor of Ronshay Dugans

10:03am – Comments from Tallahassee Police Department – Speaker TBA

10:05am – Comments from Tallahassee Fire Department – Deputy Chief Wes Roberts

10:07am – Comments from Leon County Emergency Medical Services – Deputy Chief Mac Kemp

10:10am – Comments from Leon County Schools – Speaker TBA

10:13am – Presentation of Citizen Commendations – Sheriff Larry Campbell

Citizen Commendation Recipients

Jimmy Roland

Joseph DeMarco

Dr. Julie Moodoyan

Michael Moodoyan

Leigh Bolte

Jessica Burke

Emily Hooker

Sara Roberts

Megan Bloomberg

Jessica Batchelor

Vincent Locascio

Matt Zaideman

10:20 – Closing Remarks from Boys and Girls Clubs of the Big Bend – William “Buddy” Streit, President and CEO.