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HUDGENS ATTENDS SCHOOL FIRE DRILL; URGES HOME DRILLS TO PREVENT FIRE FATALITIES

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens kicked off a statewide fire drill today at C. L. Gideons Elementary School in Fulton County, one of a series of fire drills involving students throughout the state and nation as part of National Fire Prevention Week.

Commissioner Hudgens and State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss officially started the statewide fire drill at 10:00 a.m.

“Fire drills are one of the most effective ways to prepare for the danger of fire,” Commissioner Hudgens said. “If we could educate the public to practice their home fire escape plans as we do in the school, we could significantly reduce fire deaths in Georgia.”

Under state law, there must be at least two fire exit drills during the first 30 days of a school year, and one each month thereafter.

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