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SETS NEW COMPETITION RECORD!

Daytona Beach, FL: June 12, 2010: For the sixth time, the Plantation Fire Department defended its title during The Florida State Firefighters' Association Firematics Competition held in Daytona Beach, on June 12th, fire chief Joe Harris announced today.

The competition, held annually, brings teams, from all over Florida, to compete in various firefighting skills. Competition events include a setting up attack lines, replacement a broken hose, splitting one hose line into two, and an old fashioned bucket brigade. The events are judged based upon time and correctness of technique.

During this year's competition Plantation set a new record for the "Running Hose" segment. During this event firefighters must rapidly connect and stretch out two 50 foot lengths of fire hose, hook one end to a hydrant, connect a nozzle, then knock down a target with the stream of water.

The Plantation team accomplished this in 12.6 seconds. The previous record was 14.4 seconds.

A total of nine teams competed in this year's event.

The Plantation Firematics Team is comprised of male and female, volunteer firefighters who, along with their regular duties, practice for competition on a regular basis.

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Record breaker: *Plantation firefighters connect hoses at the start of the Running Hose evolution, during the State Firematics Competition held in Daytona Beach on June 12th.*

Their efforts lead to a record-breaking time of 12.6 seconds. Plantation also captured first place, overall for the sixth time.

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