



The Florida Department of  
Law Enforcement

Missing Endangered Persons  
Information Clearinghouse  
Advisory Board and

The Florida Missing Children's  
Day Foundation  
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# Missing Children's Day

Tallahassee, Florida

**Monday**

**September 12, 2011**

**10:00 a.m.**



*Ann and I join together today to extend our support to every Florida family who has endured the fear and uncertainty of having a missing child. We offer prayers for peace, comfort and hope for all families, especially those attending today's ceremony.*

*Each missing child reminds us we must be diligent to do all we can every day to safeguard the well-being of the young people of our state. We thank our law enforcement agencies and the many volunteers who work tirelessly to bring missing children safely home.*

*Rick Scott  
Governor*

*Ann Scott  
First Lady*

**Musical Selection**

*Vocals – Michael and Patricia Rutherford*

**Welcome**

*Commissioner Gerald M. Bailey  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement*

**Moment of Silence**

**Presentation of Colors**

*Soloist – Sergeant Stephen Vaughn  
Tallahassee Police Department*

**Keynote Speech**

*Governor Rick Scott*

**Presentation of Awards**

**Time of Remembrance**

*Vocals – Society Kids*

**Closing Remarks and  
Prelude to the Child Safety Presentation**

*Commissioner Gerald M. Bailey*

**Musical Selection**

*Bagpiper –Lieutenant Joe Ashcraft  
Tallahassee Fire Department*

# **2011 FLORIDA MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

***2011 John and Reve` Walsh Award***  
*Representative William Snyder*

***2011 Commissioner's Award***  
*Mr. Richard Homer*  
*Clear Channel Outdoor*  
*Tampa Bay, FL*

***2011 Evelyn Williams Memorial Award***  
*Ms. Barbara "Bobbie" Conklin*  
*West Palm Beach, FL*

***2011 Statewide Essay Contest Winner***  
*Fifth Grade Student*  
*Van R. Butler Elementary School*

***2011 Department of Justice National Poster Contest***  
*Fifth Grade Student*  
*Highlands Elementary School*

***2011 Local Law Enforcement Officer of the Year***  
*Detective Carlos Hernandez*  
*Casselberry Police Department*

***2011 State Law Enforcement Officer of the Year***  
*Trooper William Cain*  
*Florida Highway Patrol*

***2011 Law Enforcement Task Force/Team of the Year***  
*Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit*

***2011 Citizen of the Year***  
*Mr. Robert Biggs*  
*Nashville, TN*

***2011 School Bus Operator of the Year***  
*Ms. Kandi L. Burnham*  
*Hillsborough County District Schools*

***2011 Jimmy Ryce Trailing Team of the Year***  
*Deputy Charles "CJ" Russell and K-9 Diego*  
*Deputy Stephen Baggett*  
*Lieutenant Dan Cone*  
*Deputy Benjamin Kirkpatrick*  
*Deputy Terry Roberts*  
*Sergeant Bob Wilkinson*  
*Polk County Sheriff's Office*

# Florida Remembers our Missing



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*To report a child or endangered adult as missing, please contact your local law enforcement agency, then call the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse toll free at 1-888-FL-MISSING (356-4774).*

*If you would like to receive AMBER and Missing Child Alerts, you may register your e-mail address and/or cell phone number at [www.missingchildrenalert.com](http://www.missingchildrenalert.com).*

***STAY IN THE KNOW!***

*The Florida Offender Alert System sends e-mail alerts when a registered sex offender moves into your neighborhood! SIGN UP AT:  
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