

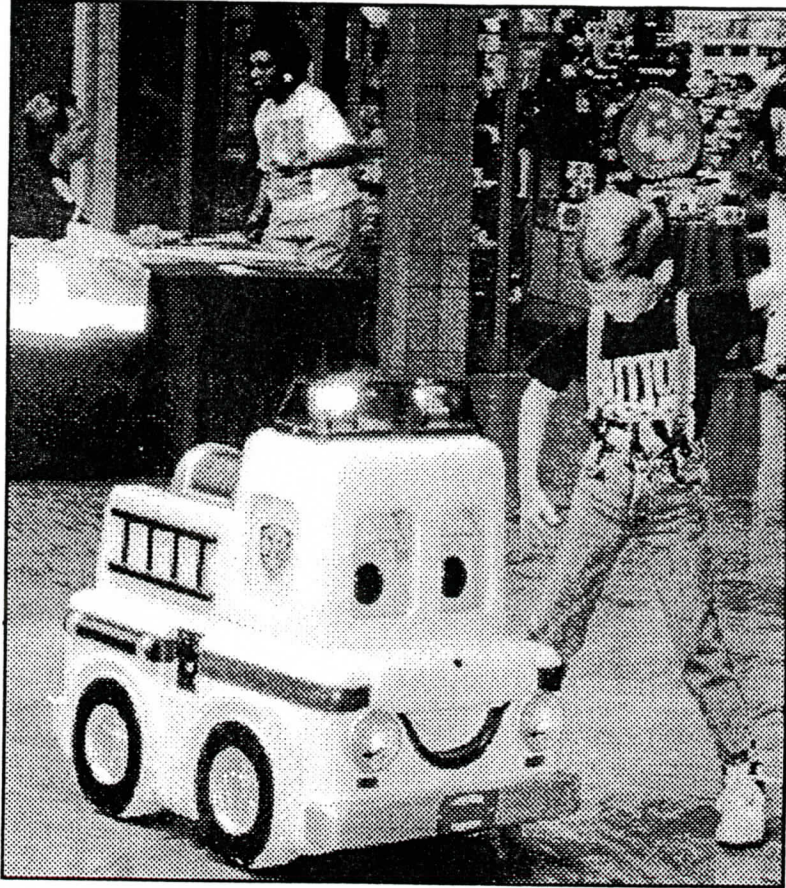
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The communities of Winter Park and Maitland held demonstrations to celebrate National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12.

The Maitland Fire Department demonstrated a mock fire rescue by rescuing a burned victim from the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel. Employees had been evacuated for the mock fire drill, exiting in an orderly manner.

During the demonstration, the supposed victim was located on the sixth floor and brought down by aerial truck, by being tied to a stretcher and lowered gently to the ground, guided by a rope held by a fire fighter on the ground. After the stretcher safely reached the ground, an emergency crew swiftly carried the stretcher to a waiting helicopter, which would then transport the victim to the trauma center or emergency room.

The sixth floor rescue was conducted without a hitch.



Kristopher Lott, age 7, dancing with Firepup, the Winter Park Fire Department robot at the Winter Park Mall.

Observer photo by Carole Arthurs

brate Fire Prevention Week by holding fire prevention displays at the Winter Park Mall.

Firefighters answered fire safety questions, passed out fire prevention brochures, balloons, and displayed fire equipment, including a vintage fire engine. A professional photographer was on hand to take photos of children on the fire engine and all proceeds were donated to ORMC's Burn Unit.

The fire department robot, Freddie and Firepup, the fire dog, was there to meet the kids along with United Telephone's Mr. Telephone, and Florida Power Corporation's Louie the Light Bug. Children were invited to dance with Firepup if they answered his fire safety questions correctly.

Puppet shows were performed during various hours throughout both days, courtesy of Florida Power.

The Winter Park Police Department was also there handing crime prevention literature.

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Cooperation between the fire department, air lift ambulance, and hotel employees and staff made for a very successful mock fire demonstration.

"In keeping with President Bush's positive endorsement, the Maitland Fire Department is actively engaged in this year's activities with the national theme, 'Fire Won't Wait - Plan Your Escape'," said Deputy Fire Chief Bart Wright, Maitland Fire Department.

Employees of the Sheraton Orlando North also received complimentary CPR and First Aid training during National Fire Prevention Week.

The Sheraton Orlando North Hotel is operated by Cypress Hotel Management Company of Orlando.

The Winter Park Fire Department did its part to cele-