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Dear Education Specialist:

The State Fire Marshal's Office is again asking for your help in spreading fire safety awareness through our Second Annual State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Poster Contest. The contest will recognize individuals who demonstrate an understanding of the issues related to fire safety and have an ability to visually portray that knowledge.

Awards and recognition will be given to one poster winner, along with 11 other place winners. The contest is an excellent opportunity for elementary school-age students to think and learn about fire safety education. A major benefit of the program is the research done by all the students on fire prevention and fire safety.

The importance of educating and protecting children from the dangers and trauma that can be caused by fire, especially fires in and around the home, is widely recognized. We want this contest to encourage teachers, students and parents to participate actively to reduce the incidence and impact of fire related injuries and destruction of property.

The firefighters in your community will be most appreciative of your assistance in making our Fire Safety Poster Contest a success. If you have any questions please contact the Public Education Division at the Fire Marshal's Office at (304) 558-2191.

Attached you'll find all the guidelines in our contest. We hope you will distribute this to your elementary schools and send back the top 6 winners (one from each grade in your county). Thank you for your assistance in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Tyree Jr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kenneth E. Tyree Jr.  
State Fire Marshal



## West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office 2017 Fire Safety Poster Contest Guidelines

The West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office is looking for an original piece of artwork for our Fire Safety Poster Contest. We're looking to bring safety into the homes of West Virginian's by reminding them each day of the importance of fire and life safety. One winner will be awarded the cover page of a calendar along with being featured during Fire Prevention month, which is October, 11 other place winners will have their work displayed each month.

**Theme:** Posters must be original work of the students and must emphasize Fire Prevention and Safety. Some examples include:

- Check your smoke alarms once a month
- Firefighters are your friends
- Smoke alarms save lives
- Don't play with fire

For other fire resources please use our website [www.firemarshal.wv.gov](http://www.firemarshal.wv.gov) and click on the Public Education tab.

**Purpose:** To make students and their families aware of the danger of fire and to take precautions to prevent potentially harmful fires, and be educated about surviving them.

**Eligibility:** The poster contest is open to all elementary students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Rules:**

Posters must be original works of the students and must emphasize fire and life safety.

Posters must be on 8.5 by 11-inch paper – larger sizes will not be considered.

Posters may be drawn, colored, painted or three dimensional. The use of fire should not be involved in the creation of the posters. Posters with real burn marks will automatically be disqualified.

Poster judging will take into consideration the following:

**Appeal of the Fire Safety Message – 75%**

**Artistic ability, originality and neatness – 25%**

All artwork must be original. No computer-generated artworks or photographs may be used. Clippings from magazine, newspapers, and books are not appropriate.

All posters become the property of the office of the WV State Fire Marshal and **will not be returned**. (Please copy or photograph your artwork before submitting it.)

**Deadline:**

All student entries should be submitted to teachers by September 15th where teachers in that grade will select a winner and send them to the principal.

Grade winners from each school should be submitted to your county board of education by September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A winner from each grade will be chosen to represent their county. Please Note: Each county shall submit no more than 6 entries (one per each grade level).

The County Board of Education should mail original entries to the State Fire Marshal's Office by September 29th.

**MAIL TO:**

WV State Fire Marshal's Office  
ATTN: Public Education Division  
1207 Quarrier St.  
Charleston, WV 25301

**Winners:**

The statewide winner chosen will receive a first-place ribbon, a certificate of achievement from the Governor and be Fire Marshal for the day. The award will be handed out by a fire department in the winner's area. The announcement will be made at the end of October. The first-place winner will be featured on the front cover of the calendar and have their work posted on our website and social media pages as well as inside the calendar in the Month of October.

The 11 other place winners will be comprised from each grade (Kindergarten through fifth grade) and will receive recognition and a certificate; their work will also be displayed inside our 2018 calendar.

Calendars will be mailed out to winners in December.

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Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School County: \_\_\_\_\_

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# WV State Fire Marshal Fire Safety Poster Contest



I GIVE MY CONSENT TO THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE TO USE MY MINOR CHILD'S NAME, SCHOOL, LIKENESS, AND ENTRY IN STUDENT ART SHOWS, FOR PUBLICATIONS, FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES, FOR WEBSITE DOCUMENTATION, AND FOR MEDIA PRESS RELEASES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER MY MINOR CHILD NOR I WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF THIS LIKENESS OR FOR EXHIBITION OF THIS ARTWORK.

NO ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THIS COMPLETED FORM SUBMITTED SEPARATELY TO THE ARTIST'S TEACHER OR ADVISOR.

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY IN PEN.**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDAN'S TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**"I AFFIRM THAT I AM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR LISTED ABOVE."**

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

**"TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE WORK I AM SPONSORING ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT NAMED ABOVE IS THE ORIGINAL CREATION AND WORK OF THAT STUDENT."**

SIGNATURE OF SPONSORING TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_