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Dear Education Specialist:

The State Fire Marshal's Office is asking for your help in spreading fire safety awareness through a new, fun and creative project. We wish to request your assistance by encouraging your students to participate, either in school or at home through a Fire Safety Poster Contest sponsored by our office. You can use our website as a resource for education material www.firemarshal.wv.gov

Awards and recognition will be given to one Poster winner, along with 11 other place winners. A major benefit of the program is the research done by all of the students on fire prevention and fire safety. We, in the fire service, feel that each child that participates in the program will become more knowledgeable about fire prevention and fire safety through their research efforts.

The firefighters in your community will be most appreciative to you for 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 Ext.53205.

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.

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,

Kenneth E. Tyree Jr.
State Fire Marshal



West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office 2016 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 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 5th 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 16th 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 23rd. 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 30th.

MAIL TO:

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ATTN: Public Education Division
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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 2017 calendar.

Calendars will be mailed out to winners in December.