



Department of Commerce

Division of State Fire Marshal

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September 2015

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST

I am pleased to announce that the Division of State Fire Marshal is conducting the annual statewide fire safety poster contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize those individuals that have demonstrated an understanding of the issues related to fire safety education and that have shown the ability to visually portray that knowledge.

The contest will take place during Fire Prevention Week to help emphasize and support your fire safety education efforts. The contest is open to all elementary school children in Ohio. Two grade categories will be used: Grades K-3 and Grades 4-6. The twelve winning efforts will receive a special recognition by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Contest rules, datelines and other information are enclosed and must be followed to be considered.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to work with the schools in your fire district to reinforce our efforts in safeguarding Ohio's future – its children.

If you need additional information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau toll free at 1-888-243-0305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Flowers".

Larry L. Flowers
State Fire Marshal

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HOW TO ENTER

Fire departments are encouraged work with their local elementary schools in the initial round. The fire department (or local school official if the fire department is not participating) selects its local winners – a maximum of one in each grade category to be sent to the Division of State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal will appoint a committee to review all submissions and will select six state finalists in each grade category for special recognition. (NOTE: A fire department (or school) may also recognize additional “winners” locally.)

TIMELINE

◆ **In September**

- Participating fire departments should meet with school officials and introduce contest.
- A copy of the Rules for Fire Safety Posters should be provided to the participating schools.
- Students can begin work on the posters.
- Information on the back of each poster should include:
 - Name of student
 - Grade and age of Student
 - Name of Fire Department with FDID number if fire department is participating
 - Name of School
 - Classroom or Teachers name
 - Address and phone number of school

To be clearly printed or label attached

◆ **Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10, 2015)**

- Posters are submitted to the fire department (or school officials where a fire department is not participating) for the selection of local winners.
- Fire departments and/or schools are encouraged to recognize participants locally.
- Artwork may be displayed locally to help emphasize fire safety awareness.

◆ **November 1 Deadline**

Fire department (or school official where a fire department is not participating) should submit, from the local finalists - **one** selection from **each** age group – **total of two posters** - to the State Fire Marshal. Please send **NO** more than two posters from your agency.

Send to:

Fire Prevention Bureau
ATTN: Poster Contest
Division of State Fire Marshal
8895 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

The Division of State Fire Marshal will notify fire departments (or school official where a fire department is not participating) when winners are selected. This should take place prior to the end of January 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau, Division of State Fire Marshal at 1-888-243-0305.

RULES FOR FIRE SAFETY POSTERS

- ◆ Posters must include a Fire Safety theme.
Posters should display **positive** behavior statements (what should be done), e.g., Child with matches – should indicate, “Give matches to an adult.” Rather than, “Don’t play with matches.”
- ◆ Posters must be on 8.5 by 11 inch paper – ***larger sizes will not be considered.***
- ◆ Any colors may be used. A white or light colored background is preferred.
- ◆ Crayons, markers, pencils, etc., can be used.
- ◆ All artwork must be original. No computer generated artwork or photographs may be used. Clippings from magazines, newspapers, and books are not appropriate. No traced images are accepted.
- ◆ The poster surface should remain flat.
- ◆ All posters become the property of the Division of State Fire Marshal and ***will not be returned.*** (Please copy or photograph your artwork before submitting it.)
- ◆ The back of the poster MUST CLEARLY INCLUDE:
 - Name of student
 - Grade and age of Student
 - Name of Fire Department with FDID number - if fire department is participating
 - Name of School
 - Classroom or Teachers name
 - Address and phone number of school

If information is missing, the entry will be disqualified for consideration.

- ◆ All posters must be completed and turned over to the fire department, if participating, prior to *October 2* so that winners can be chosen and presented locally during Fire Prevention Week.
- ◆ The Fire Department (or school officials where a fire department is not participating) must submit **only two (2) winning posters** to the Fire Marshal by the *November 1* deadline. (One selection from each age group.)
- ◆ A committee established by the Division of State Fire Marshal will judge finalists. The fire department (or school) will be notified of winners prior to the end of January 2016.