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## OXENDINE ANNOUNCES 2009 WINNERS OF LIFE, FIRE & SAFETY AWARDS

**Atlanta** – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John W. Oxendine presented awards Thursday recognizing Georgia fire personnel and citizens for outstanding service in fighting fires and saving lives at the annual “Life, Fire & Safety” Awards Luncheon, held at in Atlanta.

The program recognized individuals and organizations that excel in fire safety.

### **Winners of the “Excellence in Fire Safety” Awards were:**

Firefighter of the Year – Battalion Chief Willie Harris – Crawford Co. Fire Department  
Fire Official of the Year – Paul Piccirilli – Roswell Fire Department  
Fire Safety Educator of the Year – Wanda Sue Maddox – Henry Co. Fire Department  
Fire Safety Educator of the Year – Micah E. Lemon – DeKalb Co. Fire Department  
Fire Safety Prevention Program of the Year – DeKalb Co. Fire Department  
Fire Safety Prevention Program of the Year – City of Alpharetta Fire Department  
Citizens Award of Courage – Mike Pangle – Trenton, Ga. Dade County  
Citizens Award of Courage – Steve Kehoe – Walker County  
Citizens Award of Courage – Bobby Montgomery – DeKalb Co.  
Citizens Award of Courage – Jasper Zollicofer – DeKalb Co.

Contestants in the poster and essay contests were required to reflect this year’s theme, “Prevent Home Fires,” in the entries they submitted.

### **First-place winners of the Fire Safety Poster Contest were:**

Bailey Brown – Kindergarten – Pike County Primary School – Zebulon  
Ashton Maddrey – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Pike County Primary School – Zebulon  
Shaun Wood – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Pike Count Primary School – Zebulon  
Anna Grace Cox – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Pike County Primary School – Americus  
Celebrity Baker – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Virginia L. Heard Elementary School – Savannah  
Amanda Cruz – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – L.K. Moss Elementary School – Buena Vista

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**Fire Safety Award winners**

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**First-Place winner of the Fire Safety House Essay Contest were:**

Nadia Beavers – Kindergarten – Charles L. Gideon’s Elementary School – Atlanta

**First-place winners of the Fire Safety Essay, open to all students from grades six through 12, were:**

Kachina Jones – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Johnson County Middle School – Wrightsville

Keldon Crimes – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Eagle’s Landing Middle School – McDonough

Sabrina Viner – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Chamblee Middle School - Atlanta

Emily Macke – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Sequoyah High School – Canton

Bailey Hurst – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Valdosta High School – Valdosta

Kelci Adkins – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Faith Christian Academy – Griffin

Hannah Daugherty – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Faith Christian Academy – Griffin

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