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Dear Fire Prevention Professional:

As Georgia's Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, I am committed to reducing the loss of life and property from fire. National Fire Prevention Week is October 5 – 11, 2014, which gives us the opportunity to concentrate our efforts on fire prevention. The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme is: ***"WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES; TEST YOURS EVERY MONTH."***

State sponsored activities include:

The annual "Excellence in Fire Safety Awards Luncheon" presentation:

- Recognizes individuals and organizations that excel in fire safety areas of education, fire prevention, fire protection services, fire official, and citizen's courage: the Firefighter of the Year; Fire Safety Educator of the Year; Fire Official of the Year; Citizen's Courage Awards (2) and the Fire Safety Prevention Program of the Year, to be honored and recognized at the 22nd Annual Life, Fire & Safety Awards Luncheon
- The 22nd Annual Life, Fire & Safety Awards Luncheon will be held at the *Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia* from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 30, in *Conference Bays A & B*. The luncheon cost is \$22.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child ages 12 and under

Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner's annual statewide fire safety contests:

- Recognizes all poster and essay contests winners
- **Statewide Poster Contest (must reflect NFPA Theme) – *"Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives; Test Yours Every Month"*** (*Grades K through 5, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be selected from each grade level*)

All first place winners will receive a \$50.00 cash prize, among other prizes

- **Statewide "Fire Safety House" Essay Contest – *"What I want to Learn and Know about the Fire Safety House"*** (*Grades K through 3 – only one 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner chosen among grades K – 3, as a whole*)

All first place winners will receive a \$50.00 cash prize, among other prizes

- **Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest – “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives; Test Yours Every Month”**
(Grades 6 through 12, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner will be selected from each grade level)

All first place winners will receive a \$50.00 cash prize, among other prizes

- **Statewide Fire Safety Tips Calendar Poster Contest (must reflect on the fire safety tips as outlined in criteria); 13 winning posters’ artwork will be chosen for each month and the cover page to display in the 2015 calendar (Grades K through 5)**
- **All contests deadline for submitting is Monday, September 29, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Statewide Fire Drill, Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.; if inclement weather, the alternate date is Wednesday, October, 15, at 10:00 a.m.**

Attached, you will find the Life, Fire and Safety awards, poster and essay contests criteria and entry forms, as well as the school fire drill information. This information can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.oci.ga.gov; scroll to the right to the “**Quick Links;**” click on “**Other Links**” and choose “**Public Education,**” then click on “**Fire Prevention Week.**”

Please offer your assistance to your schools by teaching the students fire safety lessons that may be used toward the preparation of the posters and essays.

I encourage your participation and appreciate your efforts to prevent fires and protect lives and property of Georgia citizens. If you have any questions regarding our Fire Prevention Week activities, contact the Public Education Division at (404) 657-0831.

Sincerely,



Ralph T. Hudgens
Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner