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Greetings:

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 4-10, 2009, which gives us the opportunity to concentrate our efforts on fire prevention. The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme is:

"STAY FIRE SMART! DON'T GET BURNED," (THIS INCLUDES SCALD BURNS AS WELL AS BURNS FROM FIRES).

State sponsored activities include:

- **Statewide Poster Contest (NFPA Theme)**
grades K through 5
First place prize - \$100.00 U. S. Savings Bond and other prizes
- **Statewide Fire Safety Tips Calendar Poster Contest**
grades K through 5
13 winning posters' artwork chosen for each month and the cover page to use in the 2010 calendar
To view the calendar, go to www.georgiafiresprinkler.org/calendars.php
- **Statewide Fire Safety Essay Contest (NFPA Theme)**
grades 6 through 12
First place prize - \$100.00 U. S. Savings Bond and other prizes
- **Statewide Fire Safety "House" Essay Contest – "What I want to Learn and Know about the Fire Safety House"**
grades K through 3 – one first place winner chosen among grades K – 3
First place prize - \$100.00 U. S. Savings Bond and other prizes
- **Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association Essay Contest**
12th graders (high school seniors, class of 2010)
Scholarships in the amounts of \$1,500 - 1st place; \$1,000 - 2nd place; \$750 - 3rd place
Details for this essay may be obtained at www.georgiafiresprinkler.org
- **Statewide Fire Drill**
- **"Excellence in Fire Safety Awards" program at the 17th Annual Life, Fire, & Safety Awards Luncheon, October 29**

The annual "Excellence in Fire Safety Awards" presentation:

- Recognizes first place poster and essay contests winners, fire safety tips calendar winners, and individuals/organizations that excel in fire safety areas of education, fire prevention, fire protection services, fire official, and citizen's courage
- The Life, Fire, & Safety Awards Luncheon will be held at the *Georgia Railroad Freight Depot* from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2009. Winning participants and guests will get a special tour of the State Capitol, if they so choose.

Plan now to encourage your students to participate. Invite your local fire department to assist students with fire safety lessons to use toward preparing the posters and essays. For entry forms and more information on Fire Prevention Week, visit www.gainsurance.org; **(Fire Marshal; Public Education; Fire Prevention Week)**. If you have further questions, contact the Public Education Division at (404) 657-0831.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

John W. Oxendine

Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

Enclosures