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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 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 and essay contests
- Statewide fire safety tips calendar poster contest
- Statewide fire safety "house" essay contest
- Georgia Fire Sprinkler Association essay contest
- Statewide fire drill
- "Excellence in Fire Safety Awards" program at the 17th Annual Life, Fire, & Safety Awards Luncheon

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 the Georgia State Capitol, if they so choose

Attached are poster, essay, school and life, fire and safety awards 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.gainsurance.org, (go to "Other Services;" Public Education; 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 Safety Education Division at (404) 657-0831.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

John W. Oxendine
Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner

Attachments