

# Statewide “Fire Safety House” Essay Contest

2016 Fire Prevention Week

October 9 – 15

**“DON’T WAIT: CHECK THE DATE! REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS”**

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## ***“What I Want to Learn and Know About the Fire Safety House”***

In addition to the regularly scheduled Fire Prevention Week activities, we have a contest that is equally challenging and rewarding for the students in **grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>** – a **Statewide “Fire Safety House” Essay Contest**.

### **Essay Criteria**

- Students in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> are encouraged to write an essay on **“What I Want to Learn and Know About the Fire Safety House.”**
- Each essay should consist of at least 75 words and should be submitted on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper typed or neatly written. Faxed essays must be written in black ink or typed to be received legibly.
- To avoid disqualification, each essay **MUST** have an entry form attached to the front. Entry forms may be obtained at [www.oci.ga.gov](http://www.oci.ga.gov).

### **Selection Process**

- Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> in each school may submit an **essay from each student, per class**. A first, second and third place essay will be selected for the statewide contest from the entries from grades K – 3<sup>rd</sup> as a whole.
- The first place “Fire Safety House” Essay contest winner will receive a \$50 cash prize, a variety of other prizes and the fire safety house will visit their school. The second and third place winners will receive a variety of prizes and our Arson Canine Team will visit their school.
- Essays must be received by mail or fax in the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office **no later** than **4:30 p.m., Monday, September 26, 2016**.
- Statewide winners will be selected by a committee established by the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner’s Office with the assistance of the State Fire Marshal’s Office.
- All winners of the Statewide “Fire Safety House” Essay contest will be recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the ***Monroe County Convention Center on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am***. All of the winning essays will be displayed at the luncheon. Complimentary luncheon attendance is awarded to the winners among grades K through 3; **1<sup>st</sup> place winner and two guests each and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and one guest each**. Other family members and friends are welcome to join us at their own expense. **The luncheon cost is \$22.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child ages 12 and under.**

This Fire Prevention Week activity is in addition to a number of locally sponsored fire safety programs throughout the state during the month of October.

# Entry Form

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**“What I want to Learn and Know About the Fire Safety House”**

**Open to students in grades K – 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Essays must be at least 75 WORDS**

This form **must** be attached to the front of the essay for entry in the statewide contest.  
*An essay received **without** this form attached **will not** be eligible for the contest.*

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S PHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL'S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

***Except for first, second and third place winners, essays cannot be returned due to the volume of essays submitted.***

**PLEASE E-MAIL, MAIL OR FAX ESSAYS & ENTRY FORMS TO:**

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