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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 9 – 15, 2016, which gives us the opportunity to concentrate our efforts on fire prevention. The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) theme is: ***“Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”***

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 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Life, Fire & Safety Awards Luncheon
- The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Life, Fire & Safety Awards Luncheon will be held at the *Monroe County Convention Center in Forsyth, Georgia, Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am*. 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) – “Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”** (Grades K through 5, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – “Don’t Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”**  
(Grades 6 through 12, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2017 calendar (Grades K through 5)**
- **All contests deadline for submitting is Monday, September 26, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Statewide Fire Drill, Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.; if inclement weather, the alternate date is Wednesday, October, 19, at 10:00 a.m.**

Attached, you will find the 24th Annual Life, Fire and Safety Awards Luncheon form, 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](http://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