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## **Contests aim to Put the Brakes on Fatalities**

Entry deadlines are less than three weeks away for poster and video contests that educate youth on increasing safety and reducing traffic fatalities as part of Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

Kansas kids ages 5 to 13 are encouraged to enter artwork in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual poster contest. Poster entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 18.

Three statewide winners will receive family packages at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City and \$50 Visa cards from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas. A total of 18 winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) will each receive a bicycle and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

Kansas teens in grades 8-12 can submit a 6- to 60-second video in the new contest to educate drivers on safe road behaviors. Video entries must be posted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20. Prizes include an Apple Watch, iPad and a Go Pro. The booster club of the schools' winners will receive a \$500 donation.

For more details and entry forms for both contests, go to KDOT's website: [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org).

### **2014 Poster Contest Winners**

**Northeast Kansas** – Casen Dalinghaus, **Seneca**; Ashley Ortiz-Vizueth, **Topeka**; and Alexys Wemchoff, **Topeka**.

**North Central Kansas** – Emily Beikmann, **Clifton**; Lindsay Mueller, **Palmer**; and Ricardo Cardenas, **Greenleaf**.

**Northwest Kansas** – Blaire Beougher, **Stockton**; Conner Miller, **Gorham**; and Taylor Stein, **Hoxie**.

**Southeast Kansas** – Payton Bowling, **Ft. Scott**; Abigail Balson, **Coffeyville**; and Avah Shacklett, **Burlington**.

**South Central Kansas** – Von Woleslagel, **Hutchinson**; Eleanor Rodriguez, **Wichita**; and Elle Barker, **El Dorado**.

**Southwest Kansas** - Dallas Sherman, **Meade**; Ethan Hirschfeld, **Dodge City**; and Jessica Angulo, **Garden City**.

## 2013 Poster Contest Winners

**Northeast Kansas** – Laura Edelman, **Sabetha**; Reagan de Koning, **Axtell**; Heather Kahler, **Meriden**

**North Central Kansas** – Jada Eilert, **Jewell**; Ava Brunsell, **McPherson**; Hannah Wuertz, **McPherson**

**Northwest Kansas** – Dashiell Brown, **Quinter**; Jessica Schroeder, **Victoria**; Kallie Leiker, **Hays**

**Southeast Kansas** – Tucker Leck, **Neodesha**; Shelby Jones, **Ottawa**; Riley Brown, **Humboldt**

**South Central Kansas** – Chevy DeBusk, **Haven**; Kendall Schoenhals, **Haven**; Blaire Haley, **Arkansas City**

**Southwest Kansas** - Bristin Buttry, **Plains**; Bailey Scoggin, **Garden City**; Peter Hall, **Garden City**

## 2012 Poster Contest Winners

**Northeast Kansas** - Cresinda Bandel, **Oskaloosa**; Addison Mae Gehrt **Westmoreland**; Jacque Stroud, **Topeka**

**North Central Kansas** - Kady Toole, **Washington**; Leah Feldman, **Gypsum**; Eleanor Wiles, **Gypsum**

**Northwest Kansas** - Hayden Gottstine, **Logan**; Haylee Tien, **Logan**

**Southeast Kansas** - Kasey Paige Smith, **Cherryvale**; Anna Ecoff, **Parsons**; Riley Brown, **Humboldt**

**South Central Kansas** - Von Woleslagel, **Hutchinson**; Lauren Mason, **Benton**; Heather Woleslagel, **Hutchinson**

**Southwest Kansas** - Serra Clarke, **Jetmore**; Carson Linenberger, **Garden City**; Clara Jackson, **Garden City**

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