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Kids know how important it is to ‘Put the Brakes on Fatalities’

Seven-year-old Von Woleslagel of Hutchinson, 10-year-old Eleanor Rodriguez of Wichita and 12-year-old Elle Barker of El Dorado are the south central Kansas winners in the 2014 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest.

Each kid will receive a bicycle and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas. The prizes will be presented by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Highway Patrol at the students’ schools.

Barker is also a statewide poster contest winner in 11-13 year age category. She will receive a family package from the Great Wolf Lodge water park in Kansas City, Kan., and also a $50 gift card from Dillon’s of Kansas.

A total of 1,344 kids across Kansas ages 5 to 13 took the time to think about safety and participated in the contest. Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities.

For more information, go to www.ksdot.org and click on the Poster/Traffic Safety information slide.

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NOTE: Electronic copies of the kids’ artwork are attached to this release.