Contests aim to Put the Brakes on Fatalities

A poster contest and a video contest are open for entries to educate youth on increasing roadway 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 15th annual poster contest. Three statewide winners will receive $50 Visa cards from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas; movie passes from AAA Kansas; and one of these hotel and entertainment packages courtesy of:

**Wichita:** Best Western Airport Inn/Exploration Place

**Topeka:** Capitol Plaza Hotel/Kansas Children’s Discovery Center and Topeka Zoo

**Kansas City:** Crowne Plaza Kansas City-Overland Park Hotel/Prairiefire

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) will receive a bicycle and a helmet from Safe Kids Kansas.

Poster entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 23. Information and entry forms are available [here](#).

This is the second year for the video contest for Kansas teens in grades 8-12. Submit a 6- to 60-second video to educate drivers on safe road behaviors. Prizes include an iPad, a Go Pro and an Osmo Steadicam. Video entries must be posted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. Information to submit entries is available [here](#).

The Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Turnpike Authority and other traffic safety organizations are sponsoring the contests.

Previous winners from the last two years are listed below:

**2015 Video Contest winners –**
Students from Eudora High School’s video production class won first place.
Students from Wichita East High School’s film studies class won second place.
Jalen Gifford from Dodge City High School won third place.

2015 Poster Contest Winners -

Northeast Kansas – Avery Marie O’Bray, Topeka; Tymaya Jones, Olathe; Reagan de Koning, Axtell.
North Central Kansas – Ella Oehmke, Palmer; Kelsay Mueller, Palmer; Faith Beikman, Linn.
Northwest Kansas – Janessa Therese Miller, Gorham; Jeremiah Hansen, Almena; Kaycee Jerby, Phillipsburg.
Southeast Kansas – Regan Schenk, Independence; Abby Eastwood, Fort Scott; Shelby Jones, Ottawa.
South Central Kansas – Kendall Rogers, Cunningham; Alex Williams, Douglass; Jacian Wynn, Arkansas City.
Southwest Kansas - Cameron Hendrickson, Jetmore; Kayleigh Flores, Moscow; Rory James, Garden City.

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.

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