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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, **Dougllass**; 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 Wolesslagel, **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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