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## **Poster contest aims to Put the Brakes on Fatalities**

Kids ages 5 to 13 in Kansas are encouraged to enter artwork for a statewide poster contest focusing on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day - a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities.

Three statewide winners will receive **family packages from the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure and the Courtyard by Marriott of Salina**, and also **\$50 gas cards from QuikTrip Corporation**.

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 donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

**All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 14**, and should be mailed to: AAA Kansas, Public Affairs, 3545 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka, KS, 66606. On the back of the 8 ½ by 11-inch paper entry must be the child's full name; age at time of entry; mailing address; county; a parent's name; and contact phone number. For more information, go to KDOT's website, [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org), and click on the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day logo.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people ages 3-34. It's important to encourage everyone – drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists – to take extra caution every day and especially on Oct. 10, the day officially designated as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

**Kids who have won in the last three years:**

## 2011 Poster Contest Winners

**Northeast Kansas** - Sierra de Koning, **Axtell**; Reagan de Koning, **Axtell**; Neeharika Kothapalli, **Overland Park**.

**North Central Kansas** - Elijah Schmidt, **Junction City**; Breckyn Martens, **McPherson**; Zoey Rankin, **Ottawa**.

**Northwest Kansas** - Aaron Moore, **Oakley**; Indigo Guise, **WaKeeney**; Donovan Schroeder, **Herndon**.

**Southeast Kansas** - Abigail Balson, **Coffeyville**; Macie Ables, **Fredonia**; Nathan Cunningham, **Iola**.

**South Central Kansas** - Heath David Moeckel, **Plevna**; Britton Maclaughlin, **Arkansas City**; Jack Kelly Lynch, **Wichita**.

**Southwest Kansas** - Emmi Lott, **Rolla**; Emily Allen, **Garden City**; John Dohogne, **Garden City**.

## 2010 Poster Contest Winners

**Northeast Kansas** - Corissa Bandel, **Oskaloosa**; Youna Song, **Manhattan**; Ashley Grimm, **Morrill**.

**North Central Kansas** - Makayla Sanderson, **Courtland**; Breckyn Martens, **McPherson**; Dylan Hollerich, **Tipton**.

**Northwest Kansas** - Jailey Gallentine, **Gove**; Reanna Harman, **Hays**; Morgan Kathleen Beougher, **Stockton**.

**Southeast Kansas** - Abigail Balson, **Coffeyville**; Riley Brown, **Humboldt**; Madi McDonald, **Chanute**.

**South Central Kansas** - Calli Hatfield, **Wellington**; Taya Wilson, **Sterling**; Morgan Friesen, **Andover**.

**Southwest Kansas** - Monserrat Acosta, **Dodge City**; Grace Lang, **Fowler**; Ana Maria Chairez-Almeda, **Garden City**.

## 2009 Poster Contest Winners

**Northeast Kansas** - Jared Rokey, **Sabetha**; Chad Goodman, **Sabetha**; Hannah Rokey, **Sabetha**.

**North Central Kansas** - Lillia Diggs, **McPherson**; Rebekah Thompson, **Gypsum**; Taylor Vogan, **Salina**.

**Northwest Kansas** - Shayanna Smith, **Goodland**, Elizabeth Fulcher, **Goodland**, Alex Goodwin, **Goodland**.

**Southeast Kansas** - Clayton Saporito, **Columbus**; Makaylah McCall, **Humboldt**; Katy Short, **Pittsburg**.

**South Central Kansas** - Spencer MacLaughlin, **Arkansas City**; Karli Packard, **Kingman**; Ally Harrelsoncrowell, **Wellington**.

**Southwest Kansas** - Clara Bartlett, **Cimarron**; Zoe McCallum, **Garden City**; Caroline Hall, **Garden City**.

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