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## **Kansas kids win statewide poster contest focused on improving traffic safety**

Seven-year-old Payton Bowling of Ft. Scott, 10-year-old Lindsay Mueller of Palmer and 12-year-old Elle Barker of El Dorado are the statewide winners in the 2014 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest for all Kansas kids ages 5-13.

Each kid was first selected as a regional winner and will receive a bicycle and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas at presentations at their schools. The prizes will be presented by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

From the regional winners, Bowling, Mueller and Barker were then chosen as the statewide winner in their age category. They will each also receive a family package from the Great Wolf Lodge waterpark 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 and a list of all the winners across Kansas, go to [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) and click on the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day information.

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