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## **Kansas kids win poster/video contests, focus on improving traffic safety**

Winners of two Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day statewide contests have been announced as part of the national safety campaign Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

**For the poster contest** – Nora Ackermann of Andover, Austin Lamb of Osage City and Alyson Welch of Overland Park are the statewide winners. Each student 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. A total of 1,048 Kansas kids ages 5 to 13 participated.

As statewide winners in their age categories, they will also receive a Kindle Fire tablet from the Kansas Turnpike Authority, a \$50 gift card from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas, a \$50 gift card from Wal-Mart and movie passes from AAA Kansas.

**For the video contest** – Students from Eudora High School won first place. The class will receive their choice of an iPad, GoPro or Osmo Steadicam along with a \$500 donation to the school.

Andrew Tabb from Shawnee Mission West High School captured second place. Kodi Rogers and Aly Tarrango from Scott City High School placed third in the video contest. Each will receive one of the remaining prizes listed above. More than 50 entries from teens in 25 Kansas schools participated.

Organizations that work together on this safety campaign include the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Turnpike Authority, Kansas Highway Patrol, AAA of Kansas, Kansas Contractors Association, Kansas Family Partnership, Kansas Traffic

Safety Resource Office, Federal Highway Administration and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.

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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