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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 reduce traffic fatalities by urging motorists to take extra precautions when driving or riding in vehicles.

A total of 18 regional winners in the six regions and age groups (ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13) across the state will each receive a bicycle donated by Wal-Mart stores in Kansas as well as a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas.

Three statewide winners will receive family packages at the Courtyard Marriott in Junction City, the Capitol Plaza in Topeka, and the Grand Prairie Hotel/Convention Center in Hutchinson. Statewide winners will also receive \$50 gas cards from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas.

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Sept. 5, and should be mailed to: AAA Kansas, Public Affairs, 3545 SW 6th 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 Internet main web site page at www.ksdot.org.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death in the U.S. for people ages 6-33. Approximately 118 people die each day on the nation's roadways. 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:

2007 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Northeast Kansas - Matthew Joseph Feldkamp, **Seneca**; Jacy Johnston, **Westmoreland**; Heidi Prockish, **Westmoreland**

North central Kansas - Shea Walk, **McPherson**; Ashlyn Weinhold, **Wilson**; Katherine Geist, **McPherson**

Northwest Kansas - Kayla Lynn Garvert, **Plainville**; Kaitlyn Nolde, **Dorrance**; Katlynn Krug, **Russell**

Southeast Kansas - Jessie VanDyne, **Independence**; Sarah Grace Brown, **Spring Hill**; Christine Loganbill, **Cherryvale**

South central Kansas - Kylie O'Neal, **Derby**; Taylor R. Burris, **Bushton**

Southwest Kansas - Katie Roberts, **Scott City**; Rodolfo Cabral, **Garden City**; Noelle C. Doty, **Garden City**

2006 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Northeast Kansas - Tanner Walker, **Manhattan**; Hannah McFarland Gardner, **Topeka**; and Bret Lynn Watson, **Lawrence**

North central Kansas - Janessa Ade, **Concordia**; Justine Dlabal, **Wilson**; and Krista Bacon, **Abilene**

Northwest Kansas - Darah Kay Portenier, **Kirwin**; Morgan Kathleen Beougher, **Stockton**; and Akaylah Trundle, **Colby**

Southeast Kansas - Riley Ray Laymon, **Iola**; Lacey Greve, **Mound Valley**; and Matthew Cunningham, **Iola**

South central Kansas - Allison Topham, **Wichita**; Sydney Steele, **Wichita**; and Jean Rust, **Bel Aire**

Southwest Kansas - Monica Medrano, **Dodge City**; Taylor Coen, **Elkhart**; and Amarita Sue Hansen, **Elkhart**

2005 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Northeast Kansas - Jordan Longabaugh, **Sabetha**; Elliot Bicker, **Hiawatha**; Larissa Jean Schilling, **Hiawatha**

North central Kansas - Taylor Vogan, **Salina**; Kellsie Bacon, **Abilene**; Aaron Johnson, **Cottonwood Falls**

Northwest Kansas - Darah Portenier, **Kirwin**; Danica Casey, **Natoma**; Ethan Jirak, **Oakley**

Southeast Kansas - Nathan Cunningham, **Iola**; Joanna Namukale Simwinga, **Independence**; Kaitlyn Louise Rash, **Altamont**

South central Kansas - Abby Cummings, **Wichita**; Jordan Schaller, **Nashville**; Adam Curtis Just, **El Dorado**

Southwest Kansas - Ana Daniela Ortiz Cabrera, **Dodge City**; Lupita Lozano, **Garden City**; Nick Sower, **Deerfield**

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