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FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES
SECOND ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Third grade students encouraged to participate

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department is inviting local third grade students to display their artistic talents while promoting a commitment to fire safety by participating in the second annual Forsyth County Fire Safety Poster Contest.

“We had a really great response last year when we held our first Fire Safety Poster Contest,” Captain Jason Shivers said. “We are looking forward to hopefully receiving even more entries this year.”

The Fire Safety Poster Contest is open to all third grade students in Forsyth County public and private schools and home-schooled students. Three winners will enjoy a pizza party with their class and local firefighters. The three winners and three runners up will have the honor of having their artwork displayed in county buildings.

Forsyth County Fire Chief Danny Bowman noted that the contest is a way to promote the involvement of local young people while increasing fire safety awareness.

“One of the department’s goals is to prevent incidents from occurring through public education,” Bowman said. “This poster contest is a wonderful way to do just that. We are hopeful that, while creating their posters, the students will talk to their parents about fire safety. It really becomes a way we can engage not only our youngsters but our entire community in a very positive way.”

All third grade students in Forsyth County are encouraged to submit their own original designs and artwork. Clipart and copyrighted characters or logos will not be accepted.

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Posters should be created on paper (minimum dimensions of 8.5” by 11” and maximum dimensions of 18” by 24”) with the required release form securely attached to the back. Posters will not be accepted if they are on poster board.

Posters should be submitted no later than March 16, 2012 to the following address:

**Fire Department of Forsyth County
Attn: Michele Cranford
3520 Settingdown Road
Cumming, GA 30028**

A panel of five judges will begin judging the submissions on March 19, 2012. All artwork submitted becomes the property of the Forsyth County Fire Department and may be reproduced.

The release form and other contest information can be found on the Fire Department page of the Forsyth County Web site at www.forsythco.com.

For additional information, call Fire Safety Educator Michele Cranford at 770.781.2180 ext. 4028.

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