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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES**  
**SIXTH ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY POSTER CONTEST**

*Third-grade students invited to participate*

**Forsyth County, Georgia** – The Forsyth County Fire Department invites all local third-grade students to display their artistic talents while promoting a commitment to fire safety by participating in the sixth annual Forsyth County Fire Safety Poster Contest.

Forsyth County Fire Chief Danny Bowman noted that the contest is a great way to increase fire safety awareness and involve the county's students.

“One of the Fire Department's goals is to prevent incidents from occurring, through our public education efforts,” said Bowman. “Our annual Fire Safety Poster Contest is one way we work toward that goal – by engaging our community's youngsters and educating them on the importance of fire safety.”

The Fire Safety Poster Contest is open to all third-grade students in Forsyth County public, private and homeschools. The posters should reflect one of the following themes:

- Get Low and Go Under Smoke
- Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Family's Escape
- Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

One winner and one runner up for each theme will be chosen by a panel of judges. The three winners will enjoy a pizza party with their class and local firefighters. The three winners and three runners-up will receive the honor of having their artwork displayed in county buildings and will receive a certificate of accomplishment from the Forsyth County fire chief.

“Each year the entrants do a great job of illustrating the themes for that year,” said Division Chief Jason Shivers. “The Forsyth County Fire Department is excited to be holding our Fire Safety Poster Contest for the sixth year and looking forward to seeing all of the posters submitted.”

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.

Posters should be created on paper (minimum dimensions of 8.5-inches by 11-inches and maximum dimensions of 18-inches by 24-inches) with the required release form, which is available on the county website, securely fastened to the back. Posters will not be accepted if they are on poster board.

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Posters must be received by March 23 and should be submitted to the following address:

Forsyth County Fire Department  
Attn: Public Safety Education Division  
3520 Settingdown Road  
Cumming, Georgia 30028

A panel of five judges will be reviewing the submissions. 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 website at [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com).

For additional information, email [PublicEducation@forsythco.com](mailto:PublicEducation@forsythco.com) or call (770) 781-2180.

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