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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT OPENS FIRE
SAFETY POSTER CONTEST TO THIRD GRADERS**

Local students encouraged to participate in eighth annual contest

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

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:

- ‘Tools Not Toys’ – Matches and lighters are tools, not toys
- ‘Report an Emergency’ – Know when and how to call in an emergency
- ‘Two Ways Out’ – Importance of knowing two exit routes

“The contest is important because it allows students to learn fire safety first hand by designing the safety materials,” said Fire Chief Danny Bowman. “Reaching our community’s children through our department’s many public education efforts is something in which we take a great deal of pride.”

One winner and one runner-up for each theme will be chosen by a panel of five 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.

Posters are due by Friday, March 16 and 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. Students are encouraged to submit their own original designs and artwork. Clipart and copyrighted characters or logos will not be accepted. All artwork submitted becomes the property of the Forsyth County Fire Department and may be reproduced.

Posters must be received by March 16 and should be submitted to the following address:

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

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

For additional information, email PublicEducation@forsythco.com or call Fire Prevention Training Officer Erin Long at (770) 205-4688.

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