SFFMA POSTER CONTEST RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The SFFMA statewide poster contest is open to all students in grades Pre-K through 12 who are enrolled in any school: public, private, parochial, or home school.

The contest consists of six divisions, with the following grades in each division:

- Kindergarten Division: Grades Pre-K, K
- Primary Division: Grades 1, 2
- Intermediate Division: Grades 3, 4
- Middle Division: Grades 5, 6
- Junior High Division: Grades 7, 8
- High School Division: Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Submitted posters may represent any area of fire prevention and/or fire safety.

Submitted posters must be the individual work of the student, and must be original.

Only one entry per student is allowed.

The required size of the poster is 14 inches by 24 inches.

Any art medium is acceptable, including paintings, cut-outs, pen and ink, crayons, chalks, pencils, and computer graphics, but must adhere to the following limitations:

- No objects over one-half inch in height are to be placed on the poster.
- No live matches may be used on the poster.
- No glass may be used in the poster.

The following information must be submitted in a sealed envelope attached to the back of the poster. Inside the envelope on a card or piece of paper, please include the following information:

- Name of student
- Name of school
- Address of school
- Grade of student
- Name of fire department
- Name of district association

On the front of the envelope, indicate the contest division in which the poster is entered. *Do not include any other information on the outside of the envelope.*

All submitted posters must include the above information, and conform to the indicated requirements to avoid disqualification.

General Poster Contest Information

All fire departments and/or fire marshal's offices that are active in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest and are members of the different district associations and the state association may send their winning posters with their fire marshal or representative to the district contest.

Each district may select a maximum of three posters for each contest division and submit them to the statewide contest. *It is the responsibility of the district representative to ensure that all submitted posters conform to all rules of the statewide contest.*

Posters must be submitted to the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee at the host city before 4 p.m. on Saturday of convention week.

The Poster Committee will have a booth at the exhibit hall where posters can be submitted.

First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each division. Three, five or seven judges will be selected by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association Fire Prevention Poster Committee.

The decision of the judges will be announced at the convention.

The decision of the judges is final.

All submitted posters become the property of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association to be exhibited at the state contest. Winning posters will displayed for one year at the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas offices in Manchaca, Texas.

It is the district's responsibility to pick up the previous year's winners from the chairman or his/her representative.

It will be the responsibility of the chairman to secure trophies for first, second and third place in each division. Trophies will be presented to the district representative for presentation to the winners. Ribbons will be provided for each place and attached to the posters.

The cost of the trophies and the ribbons will be paid for by the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

Any prize money that may be awarded to any poster contestant will be awarded by that company and/or group and will not involve the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association.

All departments and/or districts that have posters in the statewide contest must pick them up Tuesday following the awards banquet. Any poster not picked up at that time will be disposed of.