

Safety News from Northport Fire Department

Busy fall for 125-year-old department

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October is the usual month for the annual fire prevention programs at the local elementary and preschools. It is also the month for the baby sitter course and the open house/poster contest awards program. This year the 125th Anniversary Parade and Ceremonies were added to the schedule. Safety News is happy to report that all events were well attended and well received.

Parents, children, relatives and friends attended the open house on Friday, October 24. They were able to see first hand a fire start in a typical living room. They also saw a quick interaction with the smoke detectors and the fire. This informative demonstration was planned and carried out by Engine Company Captain Bill Forster Jr. and firefighters from the Engine Company. Ex-Chief John McKenna narrated the events throughout the fire demonstration and offered many timely and valuable safety tips.

Following this demonstration, a short DVD was shown, which illustrated many common causes of home fires and explained how homeowners could easily and quickly change home conditions to eliminate the chance of a fire starting in the home. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the poster contest awards to the youngsters. Chief Joseph Pansini along with Assistant Chiefs Brad Wine, John Jacobsen and Sparky the Fire Safety Dog made the presentations.

Safety News thanks and compliments all the students who participated in the contest. Special congratulations to all the winners who are listed below.

Norwood Avenue School Winners:

Grade 1: Winner - Caragh Cote. Honorable Mention - Ashley Maloney, Charli Motkin, Sutton Strasser and Reidyn Vicent.

Grade 2: Winner - Karen Stehlik. Honorable Mention - Margaret Fitzmaurice, Isabella Bica, Jackson Gribben and Colin Cote.

Grade 3: Winner - Chasen Mulholland. Honorable Mention - Quinn McLaughlin, Sophia Suriano, Marie Kovacs and Sienna Lombardo.

Grade 4: Winner - Maeve Carroll. Honorable Mention - Andrew Mackay, Demi Glaroe, Sarah Belmonte and Cassidy Olson.

Grade 5: Winner - Avery Orofino. Honorable Mention - Franklin Noonan, Peyton Brill, Karley Maloney and Emma Brazier.

The overall winner of Norwood Avenue School is third grader Chasen Mulholland.

Ocean Avenue School Winners:

Grade 1: Winner - Zahra Winger. Honorable Mention - Madeline Bergeron, Kaitlyn Kelly, Anthony Ferrara and Caed Fay.

Grade 2: Winner - Isabelle McArdle. Honorable Mention - Lily Rogers, Braelyn Hankins, Morgan Adams and Ashley Callahan.

Grade 3: Winner - Jacklyn Ferrara. Honorable Mention - Sophia Winger, Faith Hoerning and Hadley Adams.

Grade 4: Winner Julia Freedman. Honorable Mention - Jimmy Endee. Kaitlyn Foster, Maddox Collier, Andrew Carlson and Maya Foley.

Grade 5: Co-Winners: Karl Leonard and Sophia Yearwood. Honorable Mention - Lauren Rogers, Devon Gilmore and Sam Hoerning.

The overall winner of Ocean Avenue School is fourth grader Julia Freedman. Norwood Avenue School won the Northport Fire Department plaque for the best student percentage participation. Congratulations!

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THANKSGIVING SAFETY

Thanksgiving is America's most popular day for visiting friends and family. Safety News advises our readers to be safety prepared for their visitors. Remove items from stairways that could cause falls. Secure medications in a safe location. Young children and even animals should not have access to medications. Night lights should be in hallways to the bathroom and outside of each bedroom. With all of the guests gathered for Thanksgiving dinner, a review of the home fire exit plan should be presented and any relevant questions answered. Safety News urges all our readers to anticipate, rather than to react to emergency situations. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.