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The 2015 Annual Fire Prevention Drama Contest Finals

Philadelphia, PA: Fire Commissioner Derrick J.V. Sawyer announces that the finals for the Annual Fire Prevention Drama Contest, sponsored by St. Joseph's University, will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015, beginning 9:15 a.m., at the Bluett Theater, St. Joseph's University campus, 56th Street & Overbrook Avenue. The objective of this program is to raise the awareness of school-aged children regarding the principles of fire safety and fire prevention.

The final round of competition will feature the seven (7) district winners from the Department of Parks & Recreation. Each district winner will present a five to ten minute, one-act skit based on this year's Fire Prevention theme, "*C.H.E.F Gentry- Cooking Hazards Endangers Families.*"

Commissioner Sawyer stated, "This competition is an entertaining and creative way to impress upon school aged youth the value of year-round awareness of fire and life safety practices. We appreciate the collaboration with the Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation and look forward to the drama contest finals."

Throughout the year Fire Department personnel visit Department of Parks & Recreation facilities to display fire apparatus and instruct both children and staff about fire safety and prevention.

Each summer children participate in drama competitions designed around the fire prevention theme. Children, dressed in original costumes, perform fire safety skits written and developed by the cast and Parks & Recreation staff members. After the final round of competition, awards will be presented for various categories such as outstanding cast, most outstanding play, best actor, best actress and best fire prevention message.

Fire Commissioner Sawyer wishes to remind all that Fire is Everyone's Fight™

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