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Deadline approaches for anti-gang poster contest

Winning drawing becomes the official Operation Ceasefire poster

FORT PIERCE – The deadline to submit entries for the poster contest is in three days.

Entries are being accepted for the Operation Ceasefire Poster Contest through Monday, May 18, 2009. The anti-gang poster contest is for youth ages 8-18. The purpose of this contest is to promote gang awareness and discourage students from becoming involved with gangs.

The winners will be announced at the June 1, 2009 meeting of the Fort Pierce City Commission. First, second and third place winners will receive \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively. Some of the posters will be on display in the lobby of City Hall beginning Tuesday, May 26, 2009 through Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Several businesses stepped up to lend support to encourage local youth to participate by increasing the number of prizes being given to the winners along with the monetary prizes, which are being donated by the Fort Pierce Athletic League. The Sunrise Theatre will match the first, second and third place prizes with a gift certificate of equal value to the Sunrise Theatre's 2009/10 Season, Riverside National Bank is donating gift certificates to Super Play in Port St. Lucie and Scott VanDuzer is donating coupons for free pizza.

"I think this is a great idea," said John Wilkes, executive director of the Sunrise Theatre, who immediately offered to help upon hearing of the contest.

Pat Alley, executive vice president of Riverside National Bank and Scott VanDuzer of Big Apple Pizza did not hesitate when called upon for their assistance. They just wanted to know how they could help, said Audria V. Moore, public information officer.

Youth from local churches and community organizations have had a month to submit posters to the Fort Pierce Police Department. Posters can focus on prevention of gangs and gang violence; point out how gangs and gang activities harm individuals, families and our community. The first place winner will become the official Operation Ceasefire poster and will be printed and distributed to local businesses, schools, churches and social and youth development agencies for display.

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