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Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Recognizes 15 finalists at Annual Awards Ceremony

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA), in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA), announced the winners of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest on Aug. 5.

Open to all Ohio students in first through sixth grades, the contest serves as a valuable tool to help students learn about severe weather safety and preparedness. Through their illustrations of Ohio severe weather events (tornadoes, thunderstorms, flooding, etc.), over 100 students demonstrated what actions they can take before, during, and after severe weather events to protect themselves and others.

Names of the 15-poster contest state and regional winners

(*) Denotes state winners

(**) Denotes the overall state winner

First Grade

*Lettie Lambert** Portage County
Max Bellmon Ross County

Second Grade

*Aviva Golbig** Cuyahoga County
Nala Brown Hardin County

Third Grade

*Madison Karg** Portage County
Avery Piehl Hardin County

Fourth Grade

*Noah Deluca*** Cuyahoga County
Verra Mavlis Columbiana County
Porsha Plott Henry County

Fifth Grade



<i>Maelyn Smith*</i>	<i>Clark County</i>
Kaida Ledet	Lake County
Aubrey Prophy	Columbiana County

Sixth Grade

<i>Chloe Ciminelli*</i>	<i>Columbiana County</i>
Alyson Ashcraft	Ross County
Giulia Martinez	Trumbull County

The following agencies showed their support for these creative students by sponsoring this event and encouraging their artistic talents. Special thanks to Governor Mike DeWine for providing congratulatory letters for the state winners and to the Ohio State Highway Patrol for use of their Leadership Hall for the recognition ceremony. Please see the list of contributors below:

- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine
- National Weather Service
- Ohio Department of Public Safety -Ohio Emergency Management Agency
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- American Red Cross
- Buckeye Insurance Group
- Central Insurance Companies
- Cincinnati Insurance Companies
- Center of Science and Industry (COSI)
- Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO)
- Ohio Broadcasters Association
- Ohio Department of Commerce - State Fire Marshall
- Ohio Mutual Insurance Group
- Ohio Insurance institute
- Sedgwick
- WCPO-TV, Cincinnati
- Western Reserve Group
- WKBN-TV, Youngstown
- WTOL-TV Toledo
- WHIO-TV, Dayton
- WOIO-TV, Cleveland
- WSYX/WTTE-TV, Columbus

Learn more about the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and view the winning posters on the [OCSWA website](#).

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Since 1978, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness (OCSWA) has been dedicated in educating Ohioans about the natural disasters that typically affect the state, and encourage Ohio residents to plan and prepare for severe weather incidents before they happen. OCSWA consists of 20 state and partner agencies.