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Hello to all fire departments. This is Robert Scott, chairman of the Fire prevention committee for the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen. It's that time of the year again, thinking ahead to next summer for the annual SWAVF Convention, which will be the 116th, held from July 31st to August 3rd, 2024 in West Valley, NY.

I am writing to encourage fire departments that in the awards ceremony, usually held on the Friday morning of convention, one of the awards is for fire prevention. Starting this year it will no longer have to be in book form, but tri-fold poster board form. I encourage your department to put together a poster board, showcasing all that you have done over the past year for your community, with the message of fire prevention. I encourage your department, no matter how big or small your department is, to submit your poster board for judging. Please give your completed poster board to your county director listed below by Saturday June 1st, 2024. Each County Director will bring the poster boards to our quarterly meeting on Sunday June 2nd, 2024 which will be held at the West Valley Fire Hall, which is located at 9085 Route 240 West Valley, NY 14171. The Fire prevention committee will then meet and judge the poster boards and the winners will receive their awards at convention during the awards ceremony.

I look forward to seeing you at the convention next summer and to be amazed by what your department has done for the betterment of the community through your fire prevention efforts.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell phone. Stay safe and thank you for all you do through the Fire service for your community.

Robert Scott SWAVF Chairman for Fire prevention