Not Every Hero Wears A Cape 'Fire Prevention Week'

By Rep Joe Emrick

BANGOR - This year, Pennsylvania will once again join the rest of the nation in marking Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Sunday, Oct. 6, through Saturday, Oct. 12.

This year's theme, set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), is "Not Every Hero



Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape." The goal of this year's campaign is to recognize the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan and to encourage others to implement these basic behaviors that can save lives.

With today's homes being filled with synthetic materials that burn hotter and faster, residents may have as little as two minutes to safely exit a burning structure. Knowing this, it is more

important than ever to establish an escape plan that guarantees the safety of everyone under your roof.

A functional home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the home. Finally, home escape plans should be practiced at least twice a year by all members of the household.

Be a hero this year. Develop and practice a fire escape plan with your family; it could mean the difference between life and death. For more information on fire safety and the development of an escape plan, visit the NFPA's website at www.nfpa.org

Pennsylvania's decision to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative big step for state on climate change

By David Masur, Executive Director, PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center

PHILADELPHIA -- Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf is expected to announce a proposal today to commit the commonwealth to joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Through the governor's administrative action, the commonwealth is poised to become a member of one of the largest and most successful programs



for tackling climate pollution in the nation. RGGI was established in 2009 and currently consists of nine New England and Mid-Atlantic states. New Jersey is set to join on Jan. 1, 2020.

PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center's Executive Director David Masur issued the following statement in response to the announcement:

"We applaud Gov. Wolf for this important act. RGGI is a valuable program that offers key mechanisms for reducing pollution and fighting climate change. Joining our neighboring states to the north, east and south in this alliance can create a healthier, more vibrant region with clean air that transcends borders.

"After the climate strikes and U.N. Climate Summit in recent weeks, many Pennsylvanians wondered what could be done right here in our state. Gov. Wolf is providing a bold answer. Given a choice between living in the past with dirty fuels or being on the right side of history, Pennsylvania's leaders are showing they're ready to do what's right and protect our communities and future generations across the state."

Environment America Research & Policy Center's Senior Director for Global Warming Solutions Campaign Andrea McGimsey made the following statement:

"The expected announcement by Gov. Wolf marks a key milestone for Pennsylvania. RGGI has proven to be a crucial tool in reducing pollution from fossil fuel power plants, and it is a critical and significant response to global warming.

"Climate change is the defining issue of our time, and we need to fight it with every tool at our disposal. The expansion of RGGI is a big step forward, but we can't stop there. We call on Pennsylvania's leaders to build on this momentum and take the next logical steps, including a stronger commitment to renewable energy and climate-friendly transportation. With those efforts, the commonwealth can solidify its position as a national leader on this vital issue."





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The other eleven contestants were: Friends of Minsi Lake, Slate Belt Rising, Pen Argyl High School, Plainfield TWSP, Recovery Revolution, Lehigh Valley Water Shed, Bangor School Dist., Green & White Youth Assoc., Pen Argyl Lodge, Look Out Fire Co., Bangor Public Library.

Pen Argyl High School had a big showing bringing over 100 students to promote the big 100th game against their cross town rival Bangor.

Landfill tours were given at three different scheduled times during the event and John Hambrose and Adrian Fors from Waste management called out raffle ticket numbers for giveaways.



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Clockwise -Second place winner of \$300.00 went to Slate Belt Regional Police; First place voted on by the patrons went to Lauren's Hope Foundation winning \$500.00.; Third place winner was Wind Gap Fire Co. taking home \$200.00.; All ages showed up to taste the best chili in the Slate Belt



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