It Can Wait/Safer Ohio Video Challenge

The "It Can Wait/Safer Ohio Video Challenge" is a competition offered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) in cooperation with AT&T Ohio. It is open to students who are enrolled as of Nov. 5, 2015 in grades 9 through 12 or equivalent (public, private, community school, home-schooled) within the state of Ohio.

Eligible students may submit via email to communications@dps.ohio.gov a script or description of up to 700 words of a video message, which when produced is designed to run no longer than one minute. The described video must convey a convincing message consistent with the It Can Wait campaign – that smartphone driving distractions are dangerous and should be avoided.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Effectiveness of the video's message in discouraging smartphone driving distractions
- Creativity
- Adaptability of the printed concept to low-cost video production
- e Incorporation of the Safer Ohio and It Can Wait messages

Entries must be submitted between December 1, 2015 and February 29, 2016. Entries will be judged in 2016 by a threee person panel consisting of one member from each of the following: ODPS, AT&T Ohio and the Ohio Channel.

Six entries will be selected by the judges; one from each of the following groups of Ohio counties:

GROUP 1:

Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby and Warren

GROUP 2:

Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hocking, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Ross and Union

GROUP 3:

Athens, Belmont, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Pike, Scioto, Vinton and Washington

GROUP 4:

Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas GROUP 5:

Ashland, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Richland, Summit and Wayne

GROUP 6:

Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot

Each of the six students whose video concept is selected will receive:

- A wireless tablet from AT&T.
- Professional video production of the student's video message by the Ohio Channel, including a one-day opportunity for the entrant to serve as honorary 'consulting producer' on the production of his or her video message with Ohio Channel staff member(s) (entrant responsible for their own travel expenses to and from the Ohio Channel production facilities at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio).
- Public placement of the produced video message online by the Ohio Channel, as well as promotion by ODPS and AT&T Ohio of the message for public viewing via broadcast, cablecast, online or social media.
- Local media announcements facilitated by ODPS and AT&T Ohio, revealing the names of selected entrants.

ENTRANT NAME (first, middle initial, last):

ENTRANT HOME ADDRESS (street address, city, state, zip, county):

ENTRANT EMAIL ADDRESS:

ENTRANT PHONE NUMBER (with area code):

ENTRANT HIGH SCHOOL & GRADE ENROLLED AS OF 11-5-2015 (school name, city, zip):

ENTRANT COUNTY GROUP (1 through 6, see above):

IF UNDER AGE 18 AS OF 11-5-2015, BELOW INFORMATION MUST ALSO BE SUPPLIED.

ENTRANT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (first, middle initial, last):

ENTRANT PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME ADDRESS (street address, city, state, zip)

ENTRANT PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:

ENTRANT PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER (with area code):

All video message scripts, concepts, descriptions, and resulting produced video messages ("Participant's Entry") become the property of ODPS. ODPS shall have unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, or modify Participant's Entry Competition entrant (and their parent or guardian if under age 18) release rights to the use of their name and image by ODPS, AT&T and the Ohio Channel as part of their entry. Competition entrant (and their parent or guardian if under age 18), agree to release and hold harmless ODPS, AT&T and the Ohio Channel from any claims resulting from use or distribution of Participant's Entry.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety and AT&T Ohio reserve the right to decrease the number of winning entries selected if circumstances warrant, including if any of the six groups of counties fails to produce an entry that sufficiently meets the judging criteria in the opinion of the judges.

Entrant (and entrant parent/guardian, if applicable) agrees to abide by the guidelines set forth above. Entrant signature and date:

If under age 18 as of 11-5-2015, Entrant Parent/Guardian signature and date: