

Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of Suffolk County Legislator Jason Richberg to extend an opportunity for your students to participate in the Legislature's Bicycle Safety Poster Contest for Elementary School students and Video Contest for Middle and High School students. These contests are an effort to promote bicycle safety among Suffolk County's youth, promote safe bicycle operation on the road and reduce reckless biking by encouraging students to think more about bicycle safety.

A finalist will be chosen to represent his/her Legislative District, and a countywide winner will be selected from the 18 Legislative Districts. The students with the winning poster and video entries will be presented with proclamations. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Next year, the Suffolk County Police Department will create a pamphlet/publication for distribution using the winning poster from this year's contest.

Posters and video submissions may be mailed or dropped off to the 15<sup>th</sup> legislative district office, **44 Station Drive, Wyandanch, NY 11798**, or emailed to [InfoDO15@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:InfoDO15@suffolkcountyny.gov). *Please make sure all submissions include the artist's name, age, grade, school and teacher's name.* Posters should be no larger than 22 inches x 30 inches. **The submission deadline is Monday, February 28, 2022.**

Below are "rules of the road" bicycle safety guidelines for students to use to create their entries.

#### **Rules of the Road for Bicycle Safety**

- Ride an appropriately-sized bicycle; a bicycle that is too big or too small for you can impact your
- ability to operate it safely on the road.
- Ride in a straight line, single file.
- Ride with the traffic flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Ride with both hands on the handlebars except when signaling a turn or stop.
- Stop and look left-right-left for traffic before entering a street.
- Walk your bike across an intersection.
- Stay alert-use your ears to listen for traffic. Don't wear earphones while riding.
- Watch for parked cars and cars pulling out or into parking spaces or driveways.
- Check your equipment. Make sure your bike tires are properly inflated and that the brakes work.
- Don't forget your bicycle helmet. Wear it flat on your head and buckled!

Please feel free to contact our office if further information is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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