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SOLICITOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS IN "SAY NO TO DRUGS" POSTER CONTEST November 8, 2012

Today, Solicitor W. Walter Wilkins announced the winners in his annual "SAY NO TO **DRUGS**" poster contest. Entries were submitted for the contest by more than 400 middle and junior high school students in Greenville and Pickens Counties. From these entries, 13 winners have been chosen to have their poster in a 2013 calendar which will be given to middle and junior high students.

The grand prize is a \$300 savings bond and the winning entry will be on the cover of the calendar. The three second place winners each received a \$200 savings bond. Each of the nine third place winners received a \$100 savings bond. The winning students, their parents, art teachers and principals as well as the contest judges were invited to the courtroom presentation.

"I am pleased to continue the drug awareness calendar for the eighteenth year," said Solicitor Wilkins. "It is a positive way to use seized assets of illegal drug dealers to both educate our children about the dangers of drug use and to recognize those who use their talents in a productive way."

The poster winners are:

	<u>WINNER</u>	SCHOOL
<u>1st place</u> :	SKY EDWARDS	HILLCREST MIDDLE
2 ND PLACE:	ANDREA JALALI	LEAGUE ACADEMY
	FERNANDO SANCHEZ	WOODMONT MIDDLE
	AUSTIN POTTER	NORTHWOOD MIDDLE
<u>3RD PLACE</u> :	RACHEL WHITE	HILLCREST MIDDLE
	BELLA REDDING	DACUSVILLE MIDDLE
	HAILEY COOKE	HILLCREST MIDDLE
	ISAIAH REED	LEAGUE ACADEMY
	THOMAS HUMISTON	NORTHWOOD MIDDLE
	ABBY MCCALL	LEAGUE ACADEMY
	JENNY PAR	LEAGUE ACADEMY
	FARON JUSTICE	LEAGUE ACADEMY

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Master Deputy Tony Lee began his law enforcement career with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office in 1979 and has been there for 34 years. Throughout his career, Tony has shown true dedication to his profession which has made him a role model for all other deputies to follow.

Tony's calm demeanor and meticulous work ethic have served him well as an investigator and SWAT negotiator. He is presently the SWAT Negotiator Team Leader where he serves as a mentor to less experienced team members.

Because of Tony's commitment to the community, he has worked with local media and community members to create the first Crime Stoppers program in Upstate South Carolina. He has served as coordinator of the program since its inception in 1983. During this time, ore than 7,800 cases have been solved and over 2,600 criminals have been incarcerated.

"Master Deputy Tony Lee personifies excellence in law enforcement and I believe he is well deserving of the Billy Wilkins Award", stated Greenville County Sheriff Steve Loftis