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### Media Advisory

## Commissioner John Oxendine Promotes Fire Safety to Gladiator Fans with the Georgia State Fire Marshall Safety House on March 20

**WHAT:** Commissioner John W. Oxendine and the Georgia State Fire Marshal

Fire Safety House are headed to the 4th annual Big Wheel Rally -- to benefit Keep Georgia Safe -- Saturday, March 20, as the Gladiators take on the Trenton Devils at 7:05 PM at Gwinnett Arena.

The Fire Safety House is a 37-foot mobile classroom designed to teach children the basics of fire safety. The house is equipped with a living room, kitchen and bedroom, that has a heating element on the door that feels warm to the touch. The bedroom also has a window and escape ladder that children are instructed to use if the primary exit is blocked. Non-toxic smoke is used upstairs to simulate a fire situation. During a tour, children are taught essential life saving lessons such as Stop, Drop and Roll, Crawl Low Under Smoke, and How to Cool a Burn.

The continuous 48-hour Big Wheel Rally will circle Gwinnett Arena March 19-21 to raise funds and awareness for Keep Georgia Safe. The Law Offices of Gary Martin Hays & Associates, P. C. and the Gwinnett Gladiators have teamed up for four years to benefit children's charities in Atlanta. Last year's 1,792 laps for 224 total miles raised \$10,000 for Keep Georgia Safe.

For Saturday's game, the Gwinnett Gladiators have signed professional baseball legend Tom Glavine to an honorary contract, making him an official team member. Glavine will also be inducted into the "Be a Gladiator Hall of Fame" during the first intermission. In addition, Keep Georgia Safe will be holding a private Meet and Greet with Tom Glavine prior to the game with all proceeds going to benefit Keep Georgia Safe. There will be 100 tickets available at a price of \$100 each. Each ticket will allow two individuals into the

Meet & Greet. For more information on this event, please contact the Gladiators office at 770-497-5100.

Each lap by the Big Wheel Rally Team around the arena means more donations for Keep Georgia Safe, a 501( c )( 3 ) organization with the mission to provide safety education and crime prevention training, and to operate the only network that sends out all three Georgia emergency alerts for missing or dangerous persons to subscribers' cell phones free of charge.

**WHEN:                    Friday, March 19 – Sunday, March 21**

Beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, at least one member of the Big Wheel Rally Team will be riding at all times, 24-hours-a-day, over the weekend.

**Saturday, March 20**

5 p.m.                    Commissioner John W. Oxendine and the Georgia State Fire Marshal

Fire Safety House at Gwinnett Arena

7:05 p.m.              Tom Glavine hits the ice as a Gwinnett Gladiator

7:45 p.m.              Tribute to Tom Glavine

8:15 p.m.              Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine will be recognized for his role

in helping Keep Georgia Safe

**Sunday, March 21**

4:05 p.m.              Live appearance by Spongebob Squarepants

6 p.m.                    Final lap on ice by Big Wheel Rally Team

**WHERE:                The Arena at Gwinnett**

6400 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, Georgia 3009

**WHO:**                Commissioner John Oxendine, Tom Glavine and the Big Wheel Rally Team members, all lawyers with the firm, include Gary Martin Hays, Derek Hays, Philip Milam and Eric Ripper

**WHY:**                The funds raised for Keep Georgia Safe will go towards safety and crime prevention education programs, such as radKIDS, a revolutionary personal empowerment safety educational program that provides hands on learning for children on how to recognize, avoid, resist and escape violence, abduction and harm. For more information, go to [www.keepgeorgiasafe.org](http://www.keepgeorgiasafe.org) or call 770-934-8000.

**HOW:** With lots of pain relievers and determination is how the Rally Team does it.

To donate a per-lap amount, pledge a Safe KIDS, Mom's Miles, Pop's Peddles or make a single contribution, please contact Gary Martin Hays at [gary@keepgeorgiasafe.org](mailto:gary@keepgeorgiasafe.org) or go to [www.keepgeorgiasafe.org](http://www.keepgeorgiasafe.org)