## Florida Public Service Association, Inc.



### **Prepared Speaking**

Purpose: To encourage Public Service students to improve their skills in speaking and their abilities in organizing and presenting facts or information about a topic related to a specific theme.

Description of Event: Competitors shall develop a speech related to the career path they have chosen. It must be in the Criminal Justice, Firefighter, or Teaching Assistant.

Participant Limit: 2 per chapter at regional and state competitions

Dress Code: Appropriate dress to include; business attire, chapter uniform or other attire appropriate for the competition, or as directed by your chapter advisor.

#### Rules:

- 1. To be eligible for the competition a student must be enrolled in a secondary public service education program or a program completer as recognized by Florida Department of Education.
- 2. Competitors shall report at the appropriate time and place designated and will be placed in a holding room/area until their contestant numbers are called.
- 3. No materials will be allowed in the presentation room. The prepared speeches shall be 3 to 5 minutes in length. The time penalty shall be three (3) points for each 15 seconds or greater fraction thereof for speeches under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes.
- 4. The timekeeper shall present flash cards advising the competitor of the time remaining at 4 minutes, 3 minutes, 2 minutes and 1 minute. The timekeeper shall advise the Judge if a time penalty is applicable after each contestant has finished his/her speech.
- 5. All competitors shall speak on a topic related to an FPSA related career and approved by their chapter advisor.
- 6. Props may not be used. The participant will be disqualified if they are used.
- 7. Should a tie occur within a section, judges will use scores on the rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value(s) in descending order, to break the tie.
- 8. There will be no microphones used for the prepared speaking events.

#### Required Personnel:

One Chairman

One Timekeeper

One to three Judges (It is recommended that at least one Judge have a background in a Public Service profession and one with experience in Public Speaking.)

Two Courtesy Corps members

Facilities and Equipment:

Room with lectern, microphone, desk chairs or table, chair for Judges and chairs or observers.

Holding room with sufficient number of chairs

Flash cards (4, 3, 2, & 1 minute)

Hand calculator(s)

Note pads and pencils for Judges

Cups and water

Rating Sheets for the Judges

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Each competency will receive points as valued by the Judge(s). The competitor's total score may vary based on the procedure(s) selected. Only a one time-penalty shall be deducted from the total score by the Chair of the Judges. The time penalty shall be 3 points for each 15 seconds or greater fraction thereof for speeches under three (3) minutes or over five (5) minutes in length.

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	ool Name			
Judge's Name		Judge's Signature		
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		Point	s Values	
]	Excellent =16-20	Superior =11-15	Good = 6-10	Poor = 0-5
Cont	tent			
	Skill			Score
1	Content appropriat	te to their career field		
2	Accurate informati			
3	Coverage of topic	selected		
			Total	
Orga	nization			
	Skill			Score
1	Opening			
2	Closing			
3	Cohesion of body	of speech		
	Ž	•	Total	
Deli	very			
	Skill			Score
1	Voice (pitch, temp	o, quality)		
2	Diction			
3	Grammar			
4	Pronunciation			
			Total	
Pres	entation			
	Skill			Score
1	Dress and appeara	nce		
			Total points	100 possible

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Judge's Winner Sheet

1st Place School	
Student	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place School	
Student	
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Place School	
Student	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place School	
Student	
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5 <sup>th</sup> Place School	
Student	