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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
TAKE PART IN ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE MAY 2 - 4**

Funds collected support burn victims, fire prevention programs

FORSYTH COUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department will once again “Give Burns the Boot”® during their annual boot drive benefiting the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. Motorists can expect to see firefighters at a number of intersections from Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4.

The donations collected will be turned over to the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and used to fund a variety of important programs. Donations will send children who have been victims of severe burns to summer camp at Camp Oo-U-La, the only camp in the state specifically for burn-injured children. Additionally, funds will support the foundation’s endeavors to educate the public in burn awareness and prevention and will fund safety and educational efforts.

The Forsyth County Fire Department will receive back five percent of the funds raised to be used toward fire safety and burn prevention programs in the community.

Fire Department personnel are hoping to top last year’s collection of \$13,714.50.

“The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me,” said Fire Chief Danny Bowman. “We are certainly appreciative of the support the annual boot drive receives.

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The programs funded by the boot drive offer treatments and prevention activities that are desperately needed throughout the state.”

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, established to assist with fire prevention and safety education and the treatment and recovery of burn survivors. Founded in 1982 by a group of Atlanta area firefighters, the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation now serves all of Georgia in its three-fold mission:

- to educate the public in burn awareness and prevention
- to support medical facilities in the care of burns in Georgia
- to assist burn survivors in their recovery

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation’s primary source of fundraising is the annual “Give Burns the Boot”® boot drive in which more than 100 fire departments throughout the state join together and collect funds to benefit the Foundation in its mission. To receive more information on the foundation, visit www.gfbf.org.

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