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FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BOOT DRIVE RAISES OVER \$22,000

Funds collected support burn victims, fire prevention programs

FORSYTH COUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department's 2008 Boot Drive generated over \$22,000 to support the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and local fire safety and burn prevention programs. The event was held in May and was part of the "Give Burns the Boot"® boot drive.

"The generosity of the community was once again overwhelming," Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. "We are always grateful and appreciative of the support the annual boot drive receives."

The donations collected will be turned over to the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and used to fund a variety of 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 about 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.

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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 regarding the foundation, visit www.gbf.org.

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