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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
2009 FIRE/EMS SAFETY, HEALTH AND SURVIVAL WEEK**

Week focuses on firefighter safety, health

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department will participate in the 2009 Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week (Safety Week) June 14-20, 2009. During this annual event, fire departments across North America focus on activities to improve firefighter safety and overall health. The goal is to help all firefighters work more safely and live healthier lives.

“We are looking forward to participating in Safety Week,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “The Forsyth County Fire Department understands the importance of safety and, because we value our employees, always places a great emphasis on making sure they are working as safely as possible.”

Safety Week is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). Safety Week 2009 has as its theme “Protect Yourself: Your Safety, Health and Survival Are Your Responsibility.” During this week, the IAFC and the IAFF encourage chiefs and fire/EMS personnel to focus on what they personally can do to manage risk and enhance their health and safety. This year’s theme reflects the need for personal responsibility and accountability within a strong safety culture.

“During this year’s Safety Week, all Forsyth County firefighters will be training on the objectives outlined by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and International Association of Fire Fighters,” Captain Jason Shivers said. “However, it is important for citizens to understand that our daily response to emergencies will not be affected. The citizens’ requests for assistance will, of course, remain job number one.”

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