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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
2010 FIRE/EMS SAFETY, HEALTH AND SURVIVAL WEEK**

Focus of week is on health and wellness

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department will participate in the 2010 Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week (Safety Week) during the week of June 20-26, 2010. Safety Week is an event sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

This annual event aims to improve firefighter safety and health to give all a better chance of survival in emergencies and in the long-term. Fire departments across the U.S. and Canada will take time during the week to go over the messages and resources that will help achieve that goal.

“We are looking forward to participating in Safety Week,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “One of the Fire Department’s primary goals is to promote the health and safety of our employees. We understand that a safe and healthy staff is better able to provide aid to the citizens when we are called upon for assistance.”

The theme for Safety Week this year is “*Fit for Duty*,” which encourages all fire and EMS personnel to focus on health and wellness issues.

“During 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 our daily response to emergencies will not be impacted. Citizens’ requests for assistance will certainly remain job number one.”

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