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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT BEGINS
TENTH ANNUAL AERIAL'S HOUSE TOY COLLECTION**

Annual toy collection helps children in need

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department is seeking the assistance of citizens in helping to make this holiday season special for children in need, through the department's tenth annual Aerial's House toy collection.

“Thanks to the very generous support of residents and businesses alike, the Aerial's House toy collection has helped brighten the holiday season for many local children over the years,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “Collecting the toys is something the Fire Department personnel look forward to every year. It is our honor to serve this community and we are humbled to be able to help give back to the community in this small way.”

New, unwrapped toys for Aerial's House may be dropped off now at Forsyth County fire stations, the Fire Department Headquarters located at 3520 Settingdown Road, or any of the county's three library branches.

Beginning in December, toys for Aerial's House may also be dropped off under the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Forsyth County Administration Building, located at 110 East Main Street in Cumming.

To receive additional information regarding Aerial's House, call Fire Department Headquarters at 770.781.2180 ext. 0. For information regarding the distribution of toys collected through Aerial's House, call the Forsyth County Family YMCA at 678.341.6337.

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About the Forsyth County Fire Department



The Forsyth County Fire Department began in 1972 as the Forsyth County Fire Protection Committee, created in response to a residential fire claiming the life of a county resident. In 1973, a volunteer fire department was incorporated, led by Fire Chief John C. “Jake” Moore. The International Association of Fire Chiefs published in 1983 that Forsyth County, Georgia, with 336 volunteer firefighters on the rolls, was the nation’s largest volunteer fire department. That volunteer department served the county until 1998, when the time came for a modern fire department and the hiring of 30 full-time, professional firefighters.

Since those first 30 professional firefighters joined the county, the Fire Department has grown tremendously and today includes 129 full-time field suppression firefighter positions in addition to shift workers and a variety of support and administrative personnel. This fall, the department commemorates its 40th anniversary.

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