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FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE
RAISES MORE THAN \$20,000

Collected funds support burn victims, fire prevention programs

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department’s 2012 boot drive generated \$20,820 to support the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and local fire safety and burn prevention programs. The boot drive was held at intersections throughout the county on May 5, 12 and 19.

“The overwhelming generosity of the community was evident once again,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “We are always grateful for the support the annual boot drive event receives.”

The donations collected during the boot drive will go to the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation to be utilized for fire safety and prevention education, the support of medical facilities and the assistance of burn survivors in their recovery. Money raised will also go to Camp Oo-U-La[®], Georgia’s only camp held exclusively for burn-injured children.

A portion of the total funds raised will be returned to the Forsyth County Fire Department to support local fire education and prevention efforts.

“This event not only assists us right here in Forsyth County with our local fire safety programs, but it also allows us to help the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation and their many worthwhile efforts,” Bowman said.

Together, Georgia communities raised more than \$450,000 in 2012 through local boot drive events. Forsyth County had the fourth largest boot drive total among all of the participating fire departments throughout the state.

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The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, established to assist with fire prevention and safety education and the treatment and recovery of burn survivors. Atlanta area firefighters founded the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation in 1982. The Burn Foundation has grown to now serve all of Georgia.

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation's primary source of fundraising is the annual "Give Burns the Boot"[®] boot drive. To receive more information, visit www.gbf.org.

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