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## **OUR HEROS NEED YOUR HELP:**

## FIREFIGHTERS RAISING FUNDS FOR THE 27<sup>th</sup> Annual "Give Burns The Boot"® Drive for the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation

The Spalding County Fire Department is joining nearly 100 other fire departments throughout the state of Georgia by participating in the 27th annual "Give Burns The Boot"® drive, benefiting the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. This event will begin on Thursday, May 5, 2016 through Saturday, May 7, 2016 and Thursday, May 12, 2016 through Saturday, May 14, 2016.

"The GFBF is grateful to all of the citizens and the firefighters that support this campaign. Our work would not be possible without them," said Dennis Gardin, the Foundation's Executive Director.

The Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to collaborate with the fire service and burn care community to provide fire safety and prevention education, support medical facilities and assist burn survivors in their recovery.

Among activities made possible by Boot Drive proceeds is "Camp Oo-U-La,"® Georgia's only camp held exclusively for burn-injured children. 70 children attended summer camp in 2015. The camp, paid for entirely by the GFBF, allows the campers one week in the year in which they can live without society's cruel comments and stares and just be kids.

"Without the support of our citizens each year, the Boot Drive would not be a success. The Spalding County Fire Department is proud to be a part in this drive and we ask that you continue your support and give as much as you can," said Chief Kenny West.

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