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**OUR HEROS NEED YOUR HELP:**

**FIREFIGHTERS RAISING FUNDS IN THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE  
FOR THE GEORGIA FIREFIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION**

The firefighters from Spalding County Fire Department need your support during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual "Give Burns the Boot" Drive®, May 1, 2, 3, and May 8, 9, 10. Our firefighters will be at the following locations: Intersection of Old Atlanta road and Vineyard Road, intersection of Jackson Road and McDonough Road (Kangaroo), intersection of Newnan Road and Hollonville Road (Huckaby Store) and at Wal-Mart. They are asking that citizens donate as much as possible, no matter how big or small the donation. Proceeds help the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation fulfill its mission to educate the public in burn awareness and prevention, support medical facilities in the care of burns in Georgia, and assist burn survivors in their recovery.

GFBB is a non-profit organization that follows the following mission: To partner 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. One way in which they assist burn survivors is Camp Oo-U-La®, Georgia's only camp held exclusively for burn-injured children.

The Foundation fulfills the mission through several different programs including the Chesney Fallen Firefighters Memorial Grant Program, named in memory of the Gwinnett County firefighter who died in the line of duty. The program provides funding to fire department's fire safety/burn prevention programs. In the last 11 years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$215,000 to departments across the state.

The Foundation also works closely with both the Burn Center at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia and the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Georgia. Each center receives grant funding each year. The funding helps these facilities acquire equipment and send personnel to conferences on burn care treatment and rehabilitation.

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