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LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS SUPPORT CHARITY:

THE SPALDING COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICPATE IN 26TH ANNUAL "GIVE BURNS THE BOOT"® DRIVE

The Spalding County Fire Department is joining nearly 100 other fire departments throughout the State of Georgia by participating in the 26th Annual "Give Burns The Boot" drive, benefiting the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation. This event will be held on Friday, April 30, 2015 through Saturday, May 2, 2015 and again on Friday, May 7, 2015 through Saturday, May 9, 2015.

"The GFBF is grateful to all of the citizens and firefighters who 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 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 of the many activities made possible by Boot Drive proceeds is "Camp Oo-U-La," which is the only camp in the State of Georgia to exclusively accommodate burn-injured children. A total of 74 children attended this summer camp in 2014. The camp, paid for entirely by the GFBF, allows the campers one week in the year, wherein 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 take part in the drive and we ask that you continue your support and give as much as you can," said Chief Kenny West.