On March 17-18, 2012 off-duty firefighters from El Dorado County Fire District and IAFF Local 3556 will be shaking their turnout boots and collecting donations to help “Fill the Boot for Burns”. This event helps raise money to support burn prevention and recovery programs in Northern and Central California. Last year El Dorado County Fire District firefighters raised over $12,000 in two days for the Firefighters Burn Institute. All of the money collected goes directly to the Firefighters Burn Institute.

Firefighters will be asking the community to help support burn recovery programs including Firefighters Kids Camp for Young Burn Survivors, Little Heroes Preschool Burn Camp, and other burn programs funded by the Firefighters Burn Institute.

In addition to the recovery programs, the donations collected during annual boot drives has also made it possible for the Firefighters Burn Institute to donate one million dollars towards the construction of the new Firefighters Burn Institute Regional Burn Center at U.C. Davis Medical Center which opened in 2010. The new 7,900 square foot, 12-bed burn unit provides comprehensive care to burn patients throughout inland northern California, northwest Nevada and southern Oregon.

Firefighters will be out March 17-18 from approximately 8am to 4pm both days. Firefighters will be at Raley’s on Placerville Dr., at the intersection of Bedford Ave. and Main St. in Placerville, and at the corner of Sly Park Rd. and Pony Express Trl. in Pollock Pines.

Any size donation is welcome and we hope to see you at one of the three locations set-up for “Fill the Boot for Burns” on March 17, 2012, 8am to 4pm.
Mission
The Firefighters Burn Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization founded by the Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522 in 1973, for the purpose of establishing a local burn treatment facility; providing recovery programs for burn survivors; providing fire and burn prevention through public education; funding education for medical burn team professionals, firefighters and burn survivors; and supporting burn treatment and rehabilitation research.

History of the Firefighters Burn Institute
In 1972 a jet airplane attempting to take off from Sacramento Executive Airport crashed into a crowded Farrell’s ice cream parlor killing 22 people and burning many others. A Sacramento firefighter, Gene Levine, and eight members of his family died in this fiery crash.

Shortly after the crash, Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522 established the Firefighters Burn Institute. Cliff Haskell, a captain with Sacramento Fire Department, was named Executive Director. He headed the Firefighters Burn Institute for the next 26 years.

The Firefighters Burn Institute’s original goal was to help establish a local burn treatment facility in the Sacramento area. Due to the Institute’s efforts, the University California Davis Medical Center (UCD/MC) Regional Burn Center opened its doors January 1974. Over the years, the Firefighters Burn Institute has expanded its mission to include burn research, public education, fire and burn prevention and burn recovery programs for burn survivors and their families.

Firefighters are instrumental in the planning and execution of all programs. Firefighter involvement in the Firefighters Burn Institute has been the hallmark of its success. Thirty years after establishing the Firefighters Burn Institute, firefighters have stepped forward once again to take the lead in the fund-raising campaign for a new Regional Burn Center at the U.C. Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

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The Firefighters Burn Institute is dedicated to assuring that the best possible burn treatment and burn recovery programs are available in Northern and Central California

Contributions help to fund the following programs:

**Burn Recovery Programs**

**Firefighters Kids Camp for Young Burn Survivors**
A special week where children who have suffered serious burn injuries can share an enriching experience in a safe and nurturing environment.

**Little Heroes Preschool Burn Camp**
A unique three day program designed for preschool burn survivors ages 3-6, and their caregivers/families to understand and cope with physical and emotional challenges associated with burn recovery.

**Burn Survivor Support Group**
A monthly forum for burn survivors, family and friends to come together to support one another.

**Adult Burn Survivor Retreat**
A healing weekend where adults who have suffered serious burn injuries acquire new coping skills and experience personal growth in a supporting environment.

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**Burn Prevention and Community Education**

**Sacramento Valley Juvenile Firesetter Program**
An intervention style academy that is designed to educate and prevent fire play and arson in children. Comprised of fire, probation, burn & healthcare professionals to provide help to child firesetters and their families to receive the assistance they need through education, assessment & psychological referrals.

Provide *prevention literature* focusing on fire and burn safety to the public.

Coordinate and attend annual safety fairs.

**Clinical and Laboratory Research**

Funding for research leading to advancements in the treatment and rehabilitation of burn-injured patients.

Continuing support for clinical burn treatment facilities.

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### Firefighters Kids Camp

The Firefighters Kids Camp provides young burn survivors with a fun and safe camp environment that encourages healing, personal growth and character development within a natural setting.

Children between the ages of six and seventeen who have been treated in a burn unit or hospitalized for burn related injuries are invited to participate in the program. Children served are generally from Northern California and Nevada.

The program is staffed by well-trained and enthusiastic volunteers, most of whom are firefighters, burn care professionals and adult burn survivors. Camp operations are consistent with the standards set forth by the American Camping Association.

Camp provides an opportunity for children to continue their rehabilitation and recovery process in an outdoor environment with exposure to other children of all stages of rehabilitation.

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Since the Firefighters Burn Institute does not receive any State or Federal funding, all programs are made possible thanks to the generosity and volunteerism of firefighters, private donors and community businesses. Other ways to make a difference include donating your used car, truck, boat or RV to the “Donate a Vehicle” program or naming the Firefighters Burn Institute in your will or living trust. Individual and memorial donations are welcome year round. T-shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase with the proceeds going towards helping to fund local burn programs.

### Fundraisers

By attending one of our many fundraisers throughout each year, you will be supporting the Firefighters Burn Institute while having fun. Please check our *Calendar of Events* for more information at: [www.ffburn.org](http://www.ffburn.org)

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