

2010 Jeffrey Chavis Firefighters' Boot Drive

On the weekend of April 16-17, 2010, firefighters from Lexington County Fire Service, along with Columbia/Richland County, Irmo, West Columbia, Batesburg and Leesville Fire Departments, and Lexington County EMS participated in the 9th Annual Boot Drive to collect funds to support the Southeastern Firefighters' Burn Foundation.

Emergency Services personnel collected \$39,387 in firefighter boots at Lexington and Richland County Wal-Mart stores, and at major intersections across Lexington County during this two-day event.

This special event is held in memory of a fallen firefighter, Jeff Chavis. Firefighter Chavis was a Lexington County firefighter who died in 2001 while battling a structure fire. Local emergency services personnel established this event to create and support the Jeffrey Chavis House, a residential facility which can house up to 50 individuals while their loved ones are treated at the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, GA. This burn center treats the critically injured burn patients from throughout the southeast, including Lexington and Richland Counties.

Firefighters have collected more than \$443,000 to date through these annual boot drives.

If you would like more information or would like to contribute to the Jeffrey Chavis House, please contact Lexington County Boot Drive Coordinator, Chief Eddie Turner, at 803-785-8632.