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### **Advisory**

## **IAFF Burn Foundation and Washington Redskins Linebacker Robert Henson Support Burn Survivors at International Burn Camp**

**Tuesday, September 22  
FedEx Field  
1600 FedEx Way  
Landover, Maryland  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Open Press**

*Washington, DC* – More than 40 burn survivors from the U.S. and Canada are attending the 14th Annual International Burn Camp, an event in the nation's capital organized by the International Association of Fire Fighters' Burn Foundation to help teenagers cope with their injuries.

Burn survivors on Tuesday will visit FedEx Field, home of the Washington Redskins, to meet Redskins linebacker Robert Henson, who lost his 10-year old brother in a house fire in 1997. Burn survivors will tour the stadium with Henson and other players. Henson will share his tragic, yet motivational, personal journey with burn survivors.

Burn survivors from 27 states and six provinces will attend this year's International Burn Camp. A complete list of attendees and their hometowns is available here:  
<http://burn.iaff.org/burncamp.shtml>

Burns can leave scars that never heal. They can also leave emotional wounds that no medical care can repair. The Burn Foundation's International Burn Camp helps teenage burn survivors cope with the physical and emotional trauma caused by their injuries by allowing them to spend time with one another in a supportive atmosphere for young people who share a common bond.

Each year the IAFF's Burn Foundation fully funds the International Burn Camp. Children who attend the Burn Camp also have attended a regional or state burn camp endorsed by the IAFF. Numerous IAFF locals, foundations, individual and corporate donors support the Burn Camp.

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In addition to meeting with Redskins players, burn survivors participating in this year's International Burn Camp will tour the White House and major monuments in the nation's capital.

The goal of the International Burn Camp, which runs through September 25, is to continue its commitment to "Helping Heal Bodies, Hearts and Souls." More information about the 14th International Burn Camp is here: <http://burn.iaff.org/burncamp.shtml>

*The IAFF Burn Foundation is dedicated to fire prevention and burn awareness education, burn research and improving the quality of life for burn survivors. Created in 1982, the Burn Foundation is one of the largest sources for burn research grants and the sponsor of the annual IAFF Burn Foundation's International Burn Camp, held each fall in Washington, D.C. The IAFF Burn Foundation is owned and operated by the IAFF. It is a 501(c)(3). The foundation has donated more than \$2.5 million to burn research.*

*The International Association of Fire Fighters, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the leading advocate in North America for the safety and training of fire fighters and paramedics. The IAFF represents more than 296,000 full-time professional fire fighters and paramedics who protect communities in every state and throughout Canada. More information is available at [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)*

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