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Teen Burn Survivors Come Together at Fire Fighter-Hosted Burn Summit

Fire fighters mentor dozens of teens during enriching weeklong adventure around Washington, D.C.

Journalists: We can help you tell this story with interviews and photos.

Dozens of teen burn survivors from across the United States and Canada are headed to Washington, D.C., to attend for the IAFF Young Burn Survivors Summit — a priceless weeklong event hosted by the [IAFF Foundation](#) and led by professional fire fighters who know the challenges these remarkable children face.

No one understands the harrowing effects of a fire more than fire fighters who are first on the scene to treat injuries that can last a lifetime. Children are sometimes the ones rescued and too often are left facing a future of physical and emotional challenges.

The fire fighters, who volunteer their time to this event are committed to helping these survivors grow and thrive. Throughout the weeklong Summit (*formerly The International Burn Camp*), fire fighter counselors and teens will attend numerous events, and spend time in organized sessions discussing the issues they confront daily – both internally and externally. The counselors – all first responders – have a unique understanding and empathy for the challenges of successful recovery from long-term injury.

Media coverage opportunities:

- Monday, Sept. 25 – Attendees join DC Fire Fighters for lunch at the “Chinatown Firehouse” at 500 F Street NW.
- Tuesday, Sept. 26 – Attendees tour the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 -- At noon, attendees observe a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.