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## **Area Firefighters Raising Money for Injured LaGrange Firefighters**

**LaGrange, Ga. September 14, 2018** – Firefighters from around the area are joining forces to raise money for the four injured LaGrange firefighters.

Four firefighters sustained severe burn injuries in a structure fire early Labor Day morning including Pete Trujillo, Jordan Avera, Jonathan Williamson, and Josh Williams.

LaGrange Firefighters will be in front of the LaGrange Kroger on Commerce Avenue Friday (9/14) and Saturday (9/15) from Noon-6 p.m. both days.

Troup County firefighters are collecting money for the LaGrange firefighters at the LaGrange Walmart on New Franklin Road Friday (9/14) and Saturday (9/15) from Noon-6 p.m.

If you would like to donate money to the firefighters, you can drop off the money at these locations.

Callaway High Head Football Coach Pete Wiggins requested firefighters bring the Fill to Boot campaign to tonight's game against Callaway and Troup at Callaway Stadium. The game begins at 7 p.m. tonight. (9/14)

Several more fundraisers are being planned by area firefighters including the LaGrange Fire Department, Troup County Fire Department, and the West Point Fire Department.

"These firefighters still have bills to pay and we are trying to do everything we can to support them and their family," said LaGrange Fire Accreditation Manager Mike Webb.

"It's true. We are definitely a family. We truly appreciate all of the support from the area firefighters and law enforcement. Together we can make sure we'll always be there to help our firefighters and their families."

**\*UPDATE\*** Williamson was transferred from Grady Memorial Hospital to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Austell and continues to recover. Williams remains at the Augusta Burn Center. He received burns to 30% of his body and is expected to stay for at least 30 days. Trujillo and Avera have been released from Grady hospital. James Ormsby and Sean Guerrero received minor injuries.



*#LFDStrong t-shirt design, shirts will raise money for firefighters and their families*

T-shirts are being printed to help raise money for the firefighters and their families for \$20. You can come by City Hall, 200 Ridley Avenue to purchase the shirt.

To help support the families affected, a family friend set up a GoFundMe account. City leaders have confirmed this account is

legitimate. The money raised will be distributed among all four firefighters.

<https://www.gofundme.com/injured-lagrange-firefighters>

Cards can be sent to the LaGrange Fire Department at 115 Hill Street, LaGrange, GA 30241.

Cards can also be given to Dion Senn, the City of LaGrange Public Services Director at [dsenn@lagrangega.org](mailto:dsenn@lagrangega.org) or (706) 881-4563. Senn plans to take the cards and donations to the firefighters on Friday.

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