



NEWS RELEASE – Photo Opportunity

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(Firefighters to “Fill The Boot” for MDA This Week)

This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 23-25, over 50 off-duty firefighters from Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union (Local 1660) will be asking motorists to “Fill The Boot” for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). These volunteers will be posted at numerous locations—collecting cash donations in their firefighter boots—in hopes of raising \$50,000. Last year’s team raised \$45,000.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has been a major contributor to MDA for 52 years through its annual “Fill the Boot” event. Money that is collected goes to finding a cure for the disease, medical treatments, equipment, and summer camps. “The event is successful thanks to hundreds of motorists who stop to put money in our fire boots,” said Firefighter Steve Fisher, organizer of the union’s event. Acting as volunteer counselors, firefighters are also instrumental at MDA summer camps throughout the United States every year. Steve and many other TVF&R firefighters help each year at the MDA summer camp. Steve added, “While the MDA funded clinics are essential to the children’s health, it is the camp that allows them to forget about their limitations and have a great summer experience.”

Collection sites, dates and times are listed below. Individuals unable to visit a “Fill The Boot” location this week(end) can also donate on-line at www.tvfr.com or at any TVF&R office or fire station. Checks should be made out to MDA.

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”Fill The Boot” - Dates, Sites and Time:

Thursday, August 25

7:00 - 10:00 am

Beaverton - Beaverton Hillsdale Highway at Hwy 217 (*on-ramp signals*)

Progress – Hall Boulevard at Hwy 217 (*on/off-ramp signals*)

North Tualatin - Nyberg Road at I-5 (*on-ramp signals*)

South Tualatin – Bridgeport Village Exit off I-5 on Boones Ferry Rd (*off-ramp signals*)

West Linn – 10th Street Exit off I-205

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Beaverton - Beaverton Hillsdale Highway at Hwy 217 (*on-ramp signals*)

North Tualatin - Nyberg Road at I-5 (*on-ramp signals*)

South Tualatin - Bridgeport Village Exit off I-5 on Boones Ferry Rd (*off-ramp signals*)

Friday, August 26

7:00 - 10:00 am

Beaverton - Beaverton Hillsdale Highway at Hwy 217 (*on-ramp signals*)

Progress – Hall Boulevard at Hwy 217 (*on/off-ramp signals*)

North Tualatin - Nyberg Road at I-5 (*on-ramp signals*)

South Tualatin – Bridgeport Village Exit off I-5 on Boones Ferry Rd (*off-ramp signals*)

West Linn – 10th Street Exit off I-205

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Beaverton - Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway at Hwy 217 (*on-ramp signals*)

North Tualatin - Nyberg Road at I-5 (*on-ramp signals*)

Saturday, August 27

7 – 10 am

Beaverton – Intersection of Hall & Scholls Ferry Road

12:30 – 3 pm

South Tualatin – Bridgeport Village Exit off I-5 on Boones Ferry Rd (*off-ramp signals*)