



NEWS RELEASE – Photo Opportunity

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(Firefighters to “Fill the Boot” for MDA This Week; Kick-Off Lunch with Local Children Planned)

This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 14-16th, off-duty firefighters and family members 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 two locations—collecting cash donations in their firefighter boots—in hopes of repeating last year’s fundraising success of \$50,000. Collection sites, dates and times are listed below.

To kick-off the fundraising event, several local children who benefit from MDA services, will enjoy a pizza lunch with firefighters this Wednesday, August 13, at 11:30 am at the Beaverton fire station (13810 SW Farmington Road, Beaverton). Media are welcome to attend.

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has been a major contributor to MDA for over 50 years through its annual “Fill the Boot” event. Money 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 put money in our fire boots,” said Firefighter Wyatt Chamberlin, co-chair of the union’s event. Acting as volunteer counselors, firefighters are also instrumental at MDA summer camps throughout the United States. Firefighter and co-chair John Sconce 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.” Several TVF&R firefighters were camp counselors this year.

Individuals unable to visit a “Fill the Boot” location 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. TVF&R thanks its 2008 corporate sponsors Western Advocates, Angelo Planning Group, and Kennedy Restoration for their generous support.

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

Thursday and Friday August 14 & 15

7:00 - 10:00 am

Beaverton - Beaverton Hillsdale Highway at Hwy 217 (*on-ramp signals*)
Tualatin – Bridgeport Village Exit off I-5 on Boones Ferry Rd (*on- and off-ramp signals*)

3:00 - 6:00 pm

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Saturday, August 16

11 am – 5 pm

Beaverton - Beaverton Hillsdale Highway at Hwy 217 (*on-ramp signals*)
Tualatin - Bridgeport Village Exit off I-5 on Boones Ferry Rd (*on- and off-ramp signals*)

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