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ST LUCIE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS WILL HIT THE STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL FILL-THE-BOOT FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT MDA

The Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of St. Lucie County Local 1377 will hit the streets on April 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28 for the annual Fill-the-Boot fundraiser to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). St. Lucie County Firefighters will be collecting donations at the intersections below:

- Station 1 25th and Virginia / US-1 and Virginia
- Station 2 US-1 and Seaway Drive
- Station 3 US-1 and Prima Vista Blvd. / Bayshore Blvd. and Prima Vista Blvd.
- Station 4 Kings Hwy and Orange Ave.
- Station 5 US-1 and Port St. Lucie Blvd.
- Station 6 25th Street and Midway Rd.
- Station 7 Kings Hwy and Indrio Rd
- Station 9 US-1 and A1-A
- Station 10 Bayshore Blvd. and Port St. Lucie Blvd. / Gatlin and Port St. Lucie Blvd.
- Station 11 Okeechobee Rd and Kings Hwy
- Station 12 US-1 and Village Green Drive
- Station 13 Southbend Blvd. and Becker / Darwin Blvd. and Paar Drive
- Station 14 Cashmere Blvd. and St. Lucie West Blvd.
- Station 15 Avenue D and 25th St. / Avenue D and US-1 / US-1 and Seaway Dr.
- Station 16 Port St. Lucie Blvd. and Paar Drive
- Station 17 Tradition Parkway

Motorists and pedestrians are urged to fill the firefighters' boots with cash and check donations to benefit MDA and help the firefighters further their commitment to MDA and the Association's mission. Last year the St. Lucie County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of Local 1377 raised \$39,519 with their collections.

Each dollar dropped into a firefighter's boot will go to support local MDA services and programs. Funds are used to send children to the MDA's week long summer camp; repair durable medical equipment; conduct research for neuromuscular diseases; and provide medical treatment at the MDA clinic at Jupiter Medical Center. 77% of every dollar raised goes directly back into these local services that MDA provides.

This year marks the 58th year that the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has teamed up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help MDA families. The MDA is a privately funded organization that relies on the public for support, and does not receive government funding or support from United Way. It is because of the generosity and compassion from our local community that allows our MDA families to continue to have the hope that one day there will be a cure.

Be a part of something special. Help the heroes of St. Lucie County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Local 1377 help those truly in need. When you see a firefighter on the corner "Filling the Boot" show your support and make a donation. Together, a cure will be found and together our community is making a difference. For more information about the MDA, please call (561) 742-3748 or visit our website at www.mda.org.

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