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Subject: OCFA Firefighters Partner with MDA to Raise Money for Jerry's Kids

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Orange County, Ca. – Orange County Fire Fighters respond beyond the call of duty for their community. Together with the [Muscular Dystrophy Association](#) (MDA), the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Local 3631 Firefighters will host their Annual Fill the Boot fundraiser on **April 17th & 18th, 2009** from 9:00am to 1:00pm each day. The event will be held in these cities at the following intersections on the following dates:

- Laguna Hills: Carlota & El Toro (4/17 & 4/18)
- San Clemente: Camino de Los Mares & Ocean View Plaza (4/17)
N. El Camino Real & Avenida del Mar (4/18)
- Yorba Linda: Savi Ranch Parkway & Mirage (4/18)
- Tustin: Jamboree Rd. & El Camino Real (4/17)
Irvine Blvd. & Newport Blvd (4/17 & 4/18)
- Westminster: [Edwards & Royal Oak](#) (updated) (4/17 & 4/18)
- Seal Beach: [Main St. & Central](#) (updated) (4/17 & 4/18)
- Mission Viejo: Oso Parkway & Marguerite Pkwy (4/17 & 4/18)
- Irvine: Alton & San Marino (4/17 & 4/18)
- Buena Park: Beach Blvd & La Palma (4/17 & 4/18)

This year, the MDA and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) are celebrating 55 years as partners in the fight against neuromuscular diseases. Firefighters across in North America have raised more than \$275 million dollars since 1954 by conducting Fill the Boot campaigns. The local community can support these brave men and women in the fight against neuromuscular diseases by driving through the intersection and filling fire fighter's boots with money in any amount to support this cause.

Funds raised will support MDA programs including clinics at University at California Irvine and Children's Hospital Orange County, summer camp for children with neuromuscular diseases at Camp Palomar, and lifesaving research. "From five dollars to five cents, every penny counts when it comes to raising money to fight these devastating diseases," says OCFA Fire Captain Hiddo Horlings, "we are out there to make a difference and help people right here in our community." Since 2007, OCFA Firefighters have helped raise \$59,000 to support the MDA.

The MDA is as a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

There will be excellent photo and interview opportunities available at each location. Coordination will be through Greg McKeown or Courtney Janes (contact information above).

To obtain more information about MDA in Orange County or the Fill the Boot program, call 949.251.0191.

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The Orange County Fire Authority is a joint powers authority that serves more than 1.3 million residents in 22 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.