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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 23rd & 24th, 2010 from 9:00am to 1:00pm each day**. The event will be held in these cities at the following intersections on the following dates:

Westminster	Goldenwest & Bolsa	4/24
Seal Beach	PCH & Main	4/23
Yorba Linda	Yorba Linda & Imperial	4/23
Yorba Linda	Savi Ranch Pkwy & Mirage	4/24
Tustin	Jamboree & El Camino Real	4/23 & 4/24
Laguna Hills	Carlota & El Toro	4/23 & 4/24
San Clemente	N El Camino Real & Avenida Del Mar	4/23 & 4/24
San Juan Capistrano	Camino Capistrano & Del Obispo	4/23 & 4/24
Mission Viejo	Oso Parkway & Marguerite Pkwy	4/23 & 4/24
Buena Park	Beach Blvd & La Palma	4/23 & 4/24

The MDA and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) have partnered together for over 55 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases. Firefighters across in North America have raised over \$300 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. People can also support this effort by making a donation online at the secure MDA website: <https://www.joinmda.org/ocfaftb2010/mda4621>

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 the Painted Turtle, and lifesaving research. "Orange County Firefighters once again are filling their boots for Jerry's Kids," says OCFA Fire Captain Hiddo Horlings. "A penny, nickel, dime, or dollar will help those in our community afflicted by neuromuscular diseases, as well as providing much needed research funding to defeat this terrible disease." Since 2005, OCFA Firefighters have helped raise over \$192,000 to support the MDA and they rose over \$63,000 last year alone with their efforts.

MDA is the nonprofit health agency dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases by funding worldwide research. The Association also provides comprehensive health care and support services, advocacy and education. There will be excellent photo and interview opportunities available at each location. Coordination will be through Greg McKeown or Courtney Janes.

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

For interview or photo opportunities, please call Captain McKeown at 714-402-3939.

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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.