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IAFF Fire Fighters Launch Virtual Fundraiser for
Muscular Dystrophy Association as
COVID-19 Threatens Fill the Boot

In response to apprehensions about in-person fundraising, IAFF and MDA create
touchless Fill the Boot to continue funding research for treatments and cures for
muscular dystrophy, ALS and neuromuscular diseases.

Washington, DC – As the COVID-19 pandemic affects communities across the United
States, it has also wreaked havoc on fundraising for the Muscular Dystrophy
Association (MDA). For 66 years, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
has collected critical funds in the community – one dollar at a time – as part of the Fill
the Boot program. But this year, due to social distancing, that’s not possible.

This summer, Fill the Boot will be conducted virtually at

Donations help meet the urgent need for MDA’s Frontline COVID-19 Emergency Fund
to continue services for more than 250,000 people living with neuromuscular diseases
across the country.

“For six decades, IAFF members have been at intersections across America with their
fire boots to collect donations for MDA,” says IAFF General President Harold
Schaitberger. “But the COVID pandemic and social distancing make that an
impossibility. Virtual Fill the Boot will let our members continue to collect to help MDA
meet their vital mission of finding treatment and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and
other neuromuscular diseases.”

“IAFF members display an unwavering support for MDA year after year, raising critical
funds and awareness to help our families get the care they need,” says MDA CEO and
President Lynn O’Connor Vos. “We are so thankful to the IAFF for continuing its
commitment to cure neuromuscular disease and for the flexibility to go virtual through
this pandemic to protect everyone on the frontlines in our communities.”

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