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Off-duty Firefighters 'Fill the Boot' for Muscular Dystrophy Association

Off-duty Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters will take to the streets next week to Fill the Boot for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union Local 1660 members will ask passing motorists to drop a donation into their fire boots at three locations in TVF&R's service area:

- Monday, May 13, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway and Highway 217 intersection in Beaverton.
- Tuesday, May 14, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Wilsonville Road and Boones Ferry Road in Wilsonville.
- Saturday, May 18, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Highway 99W and South River Street in downtown Newberg.

All funds collected through Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union Local 1660's 2019 Fill the Boot events support MDA's life-enhancing programs, including support groups and clinics, and assist families with medical equipment and costs. They also make MDA summer camp possible so kids with muscle diseases can enjoy a week of fun activities while gaining confidence and independence. MDA serves more than 1,800 families across the state of Oregon and Southwest Washington with more than 150 families in TVF&R's service area that are affected by muscular dystrophy.

For the past 65 years, firefighters have fueled MDA's mission to find treatments and cures for life-threatening muscle diseases, said Amanda Borrer, development specialist for MDA's Oregon and Southwest Washington Chapter. Muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and other related diseases take away people's ability to walk, move, smile, talk, and even breathe.

To date, the International Association of Fire Fighters has raised more than \$650 million for MDA. TVF&R firefighters have raised \$797,000 since 2005 for the cause thanks to the generous support of the community.

Local firefighters invite the community to join them in filling the boot for the MDA. Cash and checks made payable to MDA will be accepted at the three collection events in Beaverton, Wilsonville, and Newberg. Secure online donations can also be made by clicking on the following link: [Donate Here](#).

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