

**St. Lucie County Fire District
News Release**

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**St. Lucie County Firefighters Kick Off
Fill the Boot Campaign for MDA**

Community asked to Have a Heart for Jerry's Kids

St. Lucie County, FL – This weekend the St. Lucie County Firefighters kick off their annual *Fill the Boot Campaign* for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Firefighters will be out at various intersections, boots in hand, collecting money for Jerry's Kids. Firefighters decided to collect donations around Valentine's Day as a way to show they Have a Heart for Jerry's Kids.

“After years of partnership between the St. Lucie County Fire District and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the *Fill the Boot Campaign* has grown into one of our most rewarding traditions,” explained St. Lucie County Fire Chief Ron Parrish. “Over the past few years St. Lucie County firefighters have had great success. This year our goal is \$35,000.”

The money raised stays in the Treasure Coast and enables MDA to provide much-needed services to those with one of 43 neuromuscular diseases covered by the Association. The services they receive at Jupiter Medical Center, MDA summer camp, support groups and research are all covered by MDA at no cost to the families.

Firefighters will be out over the next three weekends, February 4 and 5, February 11 and 12, and February 18 and 19.

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