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SUFFOLK, Virginia (August 18, 2008) Suffolk firefighters are use to battling blazes. This Thursday – Sunday they will be fighting more then fires as they partner with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to raise money for that cause. Firefighters will take to area streets and parking lots as they continue their tradition of Filling the Boot for “Jerry’s Kids.”

As a nationally recognized supporter of MDA, Suffolk firefighters, in conjunction with Local 2801 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), will be asking local residents and visitors to support this important cause. The generosity from the community allowed firefighters to collect \$16,000 last year. Firefighters hope to exceed last year’s total. “The Suffolk community has always been incredibly generous,” advised Suffolk Firefighter Shawn Felts, organizer for the event. “I know that with the support of our citizens and business community, we will reach our \$25,000 goal”, she added. To help reach that goal, in addition to accepting contributions of cash and checks, credit cards can also be used this year.

Firefighters would like to remind the residents and visitors of Suffolk that fire apparatus and uniformed personnel will be visible Thursday – Friday collecting solely for the purpose of helping “Jerry’s Kids” and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Collection locations include Wal Mart –North Main Street & College Drive locations, Fire House Subs – North Main Street and College Drive locations, Food Lion – Portsmouth Blvd & Bridge Rd. locations, Subway –

Holland Rd, Miller Mart #44 – Holland Rd. Suffolk Mart- Holland Rd. and J&L Market – Whaleyville Blvd.

A kick-off event was held at Suffolk Fire and Rescue Monday morning. Mayor Linda Johnson presented a proclamation to Suffolk Firefighters on behalf of the city.

For 51 years, the International Association of Fire Fighters has strongly supported the MDA, and helped raised over \$ 200 million. More information can be found at www.mdausa.org

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