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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** The media is welcome to cover every aspect of the event. Please contact MDA for more information or **to arrange interviews with participants and MDA clients.**

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**GLYNN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO "FILL THE BOOT" FOR MDA  
AND "JERRY'S KIDS"**

Glynn County, GA, June 25, 2009 — Members of the Glynn County Fire Department will hit the streets to fill their fire boots with donations to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Fire fighters will collect donations from passersby at the Winn Dixie on Retreat Rd. on St. Simons Island and in Brunswick, the Wal-Mart on the Altama Connector in Brunswick, Harris Teeter on the Island, Brunswick Harvey's locations and the Pier on July 17-19, 2009.

The Glynn County Fire Department has participated in this event for more than five years. Last year alone, the group raised over \$8,041 for MDA, which turned out to be another record breaking year for the department. This year the department's Spring boot drive goal is \$5,000 which they hope to surpass.

Funds raised by the fire fighters give MDA, a voluntary health agency, the means to continue providing direct services, research and professional and public health education to children and adults with neuromuscular diseases in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia.

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MDA medical services are available in Jacksonville at Nemours Children's Clinic and Mayo Clinic for those who are diagnosed with any of the 43 neuromuscular diseases covered by MDA. The annual MDA summer camp is also funded by the fire fighters' donations. This year's camp took place at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons Island, GA June 13-19. The fun-filled summer camp hosted individuals, ages 6 to 18, with Muscular Dystrophy.

For more information about the "Fill the Boot" campaign or MDA, please contact Brittany Duke-Anthony at the Jacksonville B District office at (904) 296-7434, or visit the Web site at [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org).

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