

Bureau of Fire Services kicks off “Fill the Boot” Campaign



Pictured left to right: Tony Sanfilippo, Deputy State Fire Marshal; Chief Tim James, Lansing Fire Department; Ricardo Longoria, Training/Safety Officer – Saginaw Fire Department; **Lt. Governor John Cherry**; Katrina Butler, Chief – Detroit Fire Department Community Relations Division; Bryan Epling, President – Lansing Firefighters Local 421 and Paige Holben, Bureau of Fire Services MDA Coordinator.

Governor Jennifer Granholm, Lt. Governor John Cherry and the Bureau of Fire Services will be participating in this year’s fundraiser on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Governor Granholm has proclaimed the weekend of July 25-27 as **MDA/Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union Fill the Boot Weekend**. While recognizing fire fighters as “America’s Heroes”, Governor Granholm acknowledges the special 53 year relationship between them and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In 2007, firefighters raised more than \$25 million throughout the country for MDA and their fight against neuromuscular diseases.

To assist in this great charity event and to encourage fire fighters to participate in this effort, the Bureau of Fire Services will be placing a fire boot on the main floor of their home at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Building at 300 North Washington Square in Lansing. Donations from building employees as well as walk-ins will be donated to MDA through the Lansing Fire Department. The “Boot” will be accepting donations throughout the week of July 21st.

“As the principal bureau of fire fighters in Michigan, we hope our participation will encourage firefighters throughout the state to hit the streets for MDA”, said Bureau of Fire Services Deputy Director Tony Sanfilippo. “The willingness to help those in need is an attitude that fire fighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association share.”

If you cannot make it to the MEDC building, but would like to make a donation, please contact Paige Holben at holbenp@michigan.gov.