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Subject: Fill the Boot for MDA request

Good morning. Each year we request approval at one of the Board of Public Works meetings. Could you please add this to one of the agenda?

Hello, Todd English with Firefighters Local 127 looking for permission to get on the agenda for the Board of Public Works meeting.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

-La Crosse Local 127 would like to conduct a Fill the Boot drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association off-duty and on the street in 2022.

-Proposed dates of collection are: September 6th with a rain date of September 7. Time frame is 2:30-5:30.

-MDA holds a liability insurance policy for \$1 million per occurrence covering all firefighters involved

-MDA also holds an additional insurance policy in which ACE American Insurance would reimburse the city in an instance where worker's comp has paid out benefits to a firefighter as a result of an incident.

-Safety is of utmost importance-firefighters will wear reflective vests, display signage provided by MDA and use sound judgment

-Firefighters have been participating in Fill the Boot since 1954 and have raised over \$400 million

-Over \$100,000 has been collected by La Crosse firefighters since 2000. Most of that was raised over the past 13 years because of Fill the Boot.

PROPOSAL

La Crosse Local 127 and MDA are requesting authorization for the La Crosse professional Fire Fighters to conduct a fundraising Fill the Boot drive for MDA, off-duty, for 1 day: Wednesday, Sept. 6 with a rain date of Thursday, Sept. 7th.

We are asking for your support in conducting this campaign off-duty and on the street. MDA and firefighters understand that the fire department's first priority is keeping the community safe. The intersections involved this year are La Crosse/West Ave. and La Crosse/4th st. We will not be wearing our uniforms. LCFD or MDA t-shirts are encouraged.

MDA will help motivate and educate all firefighters about the Fire Fighter/MDA connection through union meetings as well as station visits prior to the campaign. MDA will provide all proper signage and supplies so that each collection site is clearly identified. Fully supporting MDA and the Fill the Boot campaign ties in perfectly with the fire department's focus on community involvement and values. It also provides a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for MDA's comprehensive health care services program in our community.