



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

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Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District and The Muscular Dystrophy Association

The Muscular Dystrophy Association, founded in 1950, is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. MDA is the largest nongovernmental sponsor of neuromuscular disease research. More than 1 million Americans are affected by neuromuscular diseases. About 250,000 have some form of muscular dystrophy.

Every August the Darien-Woodridge Firefighters hit the streets in the "Fill the Boot" campaign to raise funds for the MDA. This weekend event has been coordinated by Lt. Dave Lambright for the last 16 years. In those 16 years the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District has raised over \$135,000 for MDA, this year alone raising \$10,117.15. In the Fox-DuPage area Darien-Woodridge finished 6th out of 21 departments that participated this year. In past years, Darien-Woodridge was the first to hold the trophy presented by MDA in 2000 and kept it through 2003.

Through the annual "Fill the Boot" campaign, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has been a major contributor to MDA for 52 years. The money that is collected goes to finding a cure for the disease, as well as medical treatment, equipment and summer camps.

MDA representative, Shonna Hoilen attended October's Board of Trustees meeting to recognize the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District and present a plaque for their contribution this year.



Wayne Messenger, Acting Chief Administrator; Shonna Hoilen, MDA Representative; Lt. Dave Lambright

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