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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last year we celebrated the 63rd anniversary of the International Association of Fire Fighter's commitment to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. We made a promise to stand with MDA and fight against muscle disease, until the battle was won and a cures and treatments were found for these terrible diseases. We've come a long way since that commitment was made at the 1954 IAFF convention, raising more than \$600 million for MDA, more than any other national sponsor.

This fight is still not yet over, so our commitment remains as strong as it has been since day one. Last year fire fighters across the country raised over \$25 million to support MDA's vital research and family services, providing help and hope for thousands of people affected by muscle disease, including many of our own brothers and sisters and their families. In New York, IAFF member departments raised more than \$300,000 in 2017 to support MDA's mission across the state.

As a sign of our continued solidarity in support of MDA, once again this year the 1st and 3rd Districts of the IAFF will be holding a unified IAFF/MDA Boot Camp. Our combined efforts raised over 2 million for MDA across New England, New York and New Jersey in 2017, helping to fund MDA's life-saving research, neuromuscular clinics, professional and public health education and of course the annual MDA summer camps.

This letter serves as your Local's invitation to the **"2018 IAFF/MDA Boot Camp"**.

This year's MDA Boot Camp will be held on **Thursday, March 29** at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT. Here is the schedule for the day.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Boot Camp Meeting / Reception to follow

****Overnight accommodations will be provided for individuals traveling long distances to the meeting, for two representatives per Local only*

All New York IAFF locals are invited and encouraged to attend and may send two representatives. RSVPs can be made to your local MDA field office, or by faxing/emailing the enclosed registration form to the local MDA office.





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Your local MDA staff representative will be following up to ensure receipt of this invitation and to confirm your Local's attendance in the coming weeks.

Thanks in advance for your support of MDA, and congratulations again on a successful 2017 campaign!

Fraternally,

Samuel A. Fresina
President

