

Firemen collect for MDA

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WINTER PARK—As Labor Day strolls just around the corner, people all across the country will be looking forward to participating in the annual festivities that make up this American tradition.

One of the better-known traditions is the annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon. The event works to raise contributions which help fund research to cure this crippling disease. The biggest single contributor to MDA is the International Association of Fire Fighters, and the Winter Park Fire Department actively supports the association.

This year, the Winter Park firefighters hope to raise \$1,000 from businesses and another \$1,000 from

individual donations. To accomplish this Mike Vershel of the department has been calling businesses in the city and asking for donations. All donations are tax-deductible and Vershel can be reached at 6440317, Ext. 288, by anyone interested in making a donation.

The firefighters will also be out collecting individual donations on Labor Day weekend with their traditional "boot collection" drive. Every year they go out on intersections with fireman boots and ask motorists to donate to the fund. This year they will be out all day Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 5 and 6 on the corners of Lakemont and Aloma avenues, and Hwy. 17-92 and Fairbanks Ave. The firefighters feel a particular closeness to this event. As fireman Bob Ferrell put it,

"We consider Jerry's kids our kids." *Outlook 9-3-87*