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Robson Volunteer Fire Department to Host 6th Annual Firefighter Games to Raise Funds for Muscular Dystrophy Canada

Robson BC – Join Robson Fire Fighters on and August 31st and September 1st as they host the fifth annual Firefighter Games in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Be sure to attend this FREE family friendly event that will kick off with opening ceremonies at 11:00am Saturday at the **Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Grounds!**

To show their support for people with neuromuscular disorders, Robson Fire Fighters organize the Firefighter Games to raise awareness and funds to help “make muscles move.” The Firefighter Games are a series of events that volunteer and paid firefighters compete in. The events are all designed to be highly entertaining, building into the finale, Mayday Mayday Mayhem....a firefighting obstacle course. The days feature nine different competitions, Pharmasave Castlegar Kids Zone, Food Vendors and more. Sunday evening will feature two live bands: Baker Street Blues, and Val Kilmer and the New Coke!

Since 1954, Canadian Fire Fighters have been helping Muscular Dystrophy Canada fight the battle against muscular dystrophy—a group of over 100 types of neuromuscular disorders characterized by the wasting and progressive weakness of muscles. Over time, many people with neuromuscular disorders are unable to walk, speak, or ultimately breathe. Some disorders are life-threatening and presently, there is no cure.

“With five years under our belt, this isn’t our first rodeo,” said Dustin LePage, MD Canada Chair with Robson Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD) “The bar has been set higher and higher and I’m sure this year will once again be looked upon as the best year yet! Huge thanks to the business community that supports us. We certainly couldn’t conduct this FREE, family friendly event without their unwavering support and we thank them greatly.”

“Going into our 6th year we’re really finding a rhythm to execute what we feel is a world class event,” said RVFD Chief Jeff Grant. “I know how much the members of the RVFD sacrifice to make this event happen and it impresses me every year. This event is a huge win-win-win: the fire services industry wins with second to none comradery; the public wins with a free, family friendly event; and MD Canada wins with much needed revenue for a very worthy cause. Having a blast and doing good—can’t beat that!”

The Firefighter Games are hosted in partnership with International Firefighter Games, Inc. and all revenues generated at the event are donated to Muscular Dystrophy Canada to support their mission of enhancing the lives of those affected with neuromuscular disorders by continually working to provide ongoing support and resources while relentlessly searching for a cure.

Since its incorporation, more than 800 Fire Departments and Associations have supported Muscular Dystrophy Canada across Canada raising over \$3 million annually. Firefighters are Muscular Dystrophy Canada’s largest network of supporters. Learn more:

- Firefighter Games: www.firefightergames.ca
- Muscular Dystrophy Canada: www.muscle.ca

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