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| **Story of a boy**C:\Users\ram\Downloads\image0022.jpgIn Calgary, Alberta a 26-year-old mother stared down at her 6 year old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia.Although her heart was filled with sadness,she also had a strong feeling of determination.Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up &fulfill all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible..the leukemia would see to that. But she stillwanted her son's dream to come true.She took her son' s hand and asked,'Billy, did you ever think about what you wantedto be once you grew up?Did you ever dream and wish what you woulddo with your life?'Mommy, 'I always wanted to be a firemanwhen I grew up.'Mom smiled back and said, 'Let's see if we canmake your wish come true.'Later that day she went to her local fireDepartment in Calgary , where she metFireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Alberta She explained her son's final wish andAsked if it might be possibleto give her 6 year-old son a ride around the block on a fire engine.Fireman Bob said, 'Look, we can dobetter than that. If you'll have your son ready atseven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll makehim an honorary Fireman for the whole day.He can come down to the fire station, eat with us,go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniformfor him, with a real fire hat - not a toy - one-with the emblem of the Calgary Fire Department on it, and a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots.''They're all manufactured right here in Calgary ,so we can get them fast.'C:\Users\ram\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Z61VHEUB\image0033.jpgThree days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy,dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck.Billy got to sit on the back of the truckand help steer it back to the fire station.He was in heaven.There were three fire calls in Calgary that dayand Billy got to go out on all three calls.He rode in the different fire engines,the Paramedic's' van,and even the fire chief's car.He was also videotaped for thelocal news program.Having his dream come true,with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.One night all of his vital signs began todrop dramatically and the head nurse, who believedin the hospice concept - that no one should die alone, began to call the family members to the hospital.Then she remembered the day Billy had spentas a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief andasked if it would be possible to send a firemanin uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.The chief replied, 'We can do better than that.We'll be there in five minutes.. Will you please do me a favor?When you hear the sirens screaming and see thelights flashing, will you announce over thePA system that there is not a fire?''It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time And willyou open the window to his room?'About five minutes later ahook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window--------16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's roomWith his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him.WithHis dying breath,Billy looked up at the fire chief and said,'Chief, am I really a fireman now?''Billy, you are, andThe Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand,' the chief saidWith those words, Billy smiled and said,'I know, He'sbeen holding my hand all day, and The angels have beenSinging..'He closed his eyes one last time. |

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