



LAKELAND
FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Lakeland Fire Department and SPCA Florida Celebrate Success of Partnership with New Pet Oxygen Mask Delivery at Station 7 on Thursday, July 28, 2016

Lakeland, FL— The Lakeland Fire Department (LFD) and SPCA Florida—organizations that value the role pets play in healthy lives— have successfully partnered for the past year to further each organization’s mission of serving the community’s two and four-legged residents.

A major highlight of the partnership so far was the very successful 2016 Rescued Pets Calendar which featured Lakeland Firefighters and SPCA Florida adoptable pets. The calendar was a fundraiser tool which generated nearly \$10,000 to pay for medical care for animals in need encountered on human emergency scenes and also to purchase new oxygen masks for animals for all Lakeland Fire Department apparatus.

SPCA Florida will be visiting the Lakeland Fire Department’s Station 7 on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 10:30 AM with furry friends in tow to deliver the new oxygen masks purchased, as a result of the calendar, to the department. Masks in various sizes have been purchased through the partnership to replace existing damaged and outdated pet oxygen equipment. Firefighters and Fire Administration staff will be on hand to receive the delivery and commemorate the exchange with a few words from Fire Chief Gary Ballard and SPCA Florida Executive Director Adam Stanfield.

This photo and video opportunity will be a great way to show the partnership in action and how successful and beneficial it has been for the Lakeland community. All are welcome.

More About the Lakeland Fire Department

Established in 1916, the Lakeland Fire Department has a rich history, approaching nearly 100 years of service as a career fire department. The department has seven stations serving approximately 100,000 people in the City of Lakeland. The department has 170 employees of which 150 are emergency response personnel. In 2015, the department responded to over 22,500 service calls in its 84 square-mile response area, which includes the city limits as well as portions of unincorporated Lakeland. The department offers a wide range of services to include heavy rescue, technical rescue, fire prevention, fire code enforcement, fire investigation, aircraft rescue and firefighting, and in-house fleet maintenance; all in addition to fire suppression and emergency medical response.

More About SPCA Florida

Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida exists to eliminate animal suffering and engage the entire community in the welfare and well-being of animals. SPCA Florida will help and heal 70,000 dogs and cats through its McClurg Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals, which provides food and medical care for animals of homebound families, helps thousands more dogs and cats each year.

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