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Fire Department Receives Pet Oxygen Mask Donation

Troup County, Ga. September 3, 2019 – The Troup County Fire Department has received seven pet oxygen masks donated on behalf of Invisible Fence of Columbus, Georgia.

The pet oxygen masks will be used to assist in the resuscitation of animals in the event of smoke inhalation caused from a fire. The masks were donated as a part of Invisible Fence Brand’s Project Breathe Program. The program was designed to help reduce the number of pet fatalities each year by providing oxygen mask kits to fire departments, as well as other first responders.

The pet oxygen mask kits were presented to the Troup County Fire Department Tuesday morning by Tom Montgomery, a representative of Invisible Fence of Columbus, Georgia. Each kit contains one small, medium and large mask in order to properly fit animals of all sizes. Since 2006, the program has donated over 25,000 masks to first responders and has helped save at least 201 animals from fire-related smoke inhalation.

As the first fire department in Troup County to acquire pet oxygen masks, the department is honored to receive this life-saving equipment, “We are grateful for this generous donation from Invisible Fence, which will provide us with an additional tool to help us better serve all aspects of life in Troup County. This allows us to offer improved aid to the pets in our community, as many of them are very special to residents,” said Fire Chief John Ekaitis.

Seven of Troup County’s fire rescue vehicles will now be equipped with the pet oxygen masks to help deliver oxygen to animals who are experiencing difficulty breathing in the event of fire and smoke inhalation.

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