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## **Media interview opportunity**

### **Pets are not forgotten in rescue intervention**

When fire and rescue crews arrive on a fire scene, they often encounter pets with smoke inhalation requiring rescue intervention.

Recognizing that it would be advantageous if fire and rescue units were equipped with specially designed masks shaped to fit various sizes of animals, Fire Inspector Katelyn Qualey set out to locate the right type of oxygen mask for the field.

During a visit to the Bee Ridge Veterinary Clinic by Qualey to discuss this issue, Dr. Ronnie Tudin expressed interest in contributing to the purchase of these masks. Tudin also sent a request to the members of the Southwest Veterinary Association for their assistance.

Dr. Anne Chauvet of Veterinary Neuro Services provided a large donation, and her gift along with the contributions from other veterinarians will equip every rescue unit in Sarasota County with an oxygen mask for pets.

An official presentation of the rescue devices will be made to the Sarasota County Fire Department at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Fire Station 11, 2200 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 as ask for the Sarasota County Fire Department.

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