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SPCA Florida and Lakeland Fire Department Partnership Saves Lives

Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida and the Lakeland Fire Department have a partnership that is dedicated to saving and protecting the lives of Polk County animals. Tis the Season of Saving Lives, and over the last few weeks Lakeland Fire Department has come to the rescue of two special kittens.

While on a fire inspecting job in north Lakeland, Fire Inspector, Zachary Scripter, heard a small kitten crying nearby. He followed the meow's until he came upon a fluffy ball of white and black fur. With no mother cat in sight, Zach scooped up the destressed four-week old kitten knowing this little guy could not survive on his own. It was only fitting this tiny male kitten would be named "Lil Zac", after his rescuer. Lil Zac took a short drive with Fire Chief Riley to SPCA Florida, where he is thriving in his foster home.

A week later, Lakeland Fire Department was called to assist a crying kitten in a car engine. As the crew arrived at the south Lakeland department store, they heard a faint kitten cry coming from the wheel well. Using extrication airbags to lift the vehicle and remove the driver wheel, they planned to remove the wheel well liner to access the kitten. During this process, the frightened kitten managed to find every small crevice to hide, including the belly pan. Finally, with some crafty moves, the fire crew was able to grab the burnt orange male tabby kitten. Dirty from nose to tail, the kitten was safe. Compassionate Lakeland Fire Truck 73 immediately drove the kitten to SPCA Florida to receive medical care. This fiery red, six-week old kitten had a big impact on Driver Engineer/Paramedic, Steven Connors, who offered to foster to adopt, "Motorhead". The short bond between this little fighter and his future forever family could not be broken.

The men and women of Lakeland Fire Department are devoted to saving lives every day.

SPCA Florida thanks the courageous Firefighters of the Lakeland Fire Department who dedicate their lives to protect both people and animals.

SPCA Florida is asking for financial, foster, and adoption support. To help, go online at www.spcaflorida.org and donate, foster or check out our adoptable dogs and cats.

About SPCA Florida
Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Lakeland, serving all of Polk County and the surrounding communities. Dedicated to improving the lives of pets and people, SPCA Florida provides caring, compassion and hope to more than 4,300 homeless animals entering our doors each year.

Open to the public, our Reva McClurg Animal Medical Center is a state-of-the-art veterinary facility that heals and helps 50,000 patients annually. Thousands more pets and people are served through our community outreach and education programs.