

FIREFIIGHTERS RESCUE DOGS

By Lt. Steve Huber

On Nov. 22, firefighters responded to a residential structure fire. While conducting an initial search, a fire attack was under way; they encountered poor visibility and intense heat as well as three dogs—a pit bull puppy, an adult female pit bull and a small black dog. Firefighters Eric Schmalmaack, Scott Black and Lt. Steve Huber brought the dogs out of the burning house to safety. The puppy appeared lifeless and was given to firefighter Melissa Wolf-Johnson, who used an animal oxygen recovery mask donated by Health Educate Love Protect (H.E.L.P. Animals, Inc.) www.helpanimalsinc.org, to revive the puppy.



A demonstration of equipment donated by H.E.L.P. similar to that which was used to revive a puppy after a fire.

Unfortunately, several other animals did not make it out of the home alive. The fire was contained to specific areas of the structure with limited fire and smoke damage to the home. Due to the firefighters' rapid efforts, the fire was extinguished with less than 500 gallons of water and they were able to save some valuables during overhaul and salvage as well as the puppies.

Chief Tauber was recognized by County Council for being Certified in Homeland Security V. This is the highest level of certification offered by the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute. This achievement recognizes Chief Tauber's knowledge and commitment to issues involving homeland security.



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