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## **SPCA Florida and Lakeland Fire Department Partnership Saves Kitten**

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. Last week Lakeland Fire Department came to the rescue of one tiny, five-week-old kitten.

Arriving at Lakeland Fire Department around 7:00AM, Fire Inspector, David Sutherland, heard a small kitten crying near his Fire Inspector truck. Looking under his work truck, nothing; in the nearby bushes and shrubs, nothing; and then the cries went silent. Two hours later, Fire Inspector David went back out to his work truck, started the engine, and heard the frantic cries again. Knowing now the tiny meows were coming from within his truck, he quickly turned off the engine. Opening the hood, two tiny frightened eyes stared at him with relief, but also uncertainty. As David tried to grab his passenger kitten, the "kitten started to hide in the most precarious places," said the Fire Inspector. Enlisting fellow Firefighters, the compassionate men and women of Lakeland Fire Department managed to rescue the little scrappy kitten from the vehicle engine. It was only fitting that they name this tiny male kitten "Scrappy", after his quick, crafty moves. Scrappy, a brown tabby kitten, took a short drive with Assistant Fire Chief Hartzog to SPCA Florida, and is now thriving in a caring foster home.

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.

For more information on how to help homeless pets, please call (863) 577-4600.

Or, go online and give a one-time or monthly recurring gift and change the destiny of homeless cats and dogs. [www.SPCAFlorida.org](http://www.SPCAFlorida.org) Please help SPCA Florida *Keep Their Hearts Beating* this year.

### **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 20,000 dogs and cats through its SPCA Florida Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals and Food Assistance Programs, provide food and medical care for animals of homebound families and families who need supplemental food for thousands of dogs and cats each year.*

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