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**New Braunfels EMS to Carry Oxygen Masks for Pets**

**New Braunfels, Texas** – The City of New Braunfels Fire Department has added vital equipment to assist in resuscitating animals injured during house fires. The masks are specially made, sized to fit a large variety of pets and use the same medical grade oxygen currently carried on every ambulance. The masks also work with existing bag valve masks carried by our paramedics to aid in ventilating the animals.

“Pets are family members to citizens in New Braunfels and this is another way we can assist homeowners during an extreme time of need,” said Battalion Chief Darren Brinkkoeter. “All too often pets run and hide during a house fire and this results in pets being exposed to toxic smoke during different phases of a house fire.”

The New Braunfels Fire Department reminds citizens to evacuate all people from the house and to never go back inside a fire to retrieve anything.

For further details on the new equipment, contact the New Braunfels Fire Department at 830-221-4260.

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