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HUDGENS: OPERATION SAFE HOME COMES TO ROCKDALE COUNTY

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens announced today the continuation of his fire prevention program “**Operation Safe Home**” in Rockdale County.

Through a representative, Commissioner Hudgens presented one hundred 9-Volt batteries to Rockdale County Chairman and CEO Richard A. Oden in a brief ceremony at the fire department’s headquarters.

Through Operation Safe Home, Commissioner Hudgens’ office provides free smoke alarms and 9-Volt batteries to Georgia citizens who otherwise would not be able to purchase them. The smoke alarms are purchased at no cost to taxpayers; funds raised in the private sector are used to purchase them. The 9-Volt batteries were donated to the Insurance Department by Energizer for distribution across the state. Through Operation Safe Home, over 165,000 free smoke alarms have been donated to needy citizens.

“Most fire fatalities occur in the home and most occur when people are sleeping,” Hudgens said. “Having a smoke alarm in your home can mean the difference between life and death. In fact, statistics consistently show that having a working smoke alarm in the house doubles your chance of getting out alive.”

For more information about “**Operation Safe Home**” call the Commissioner’s Public Education Division at **404-657-0831**.

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