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HUDGENS: OPERATION SAFE HOME COMES TO QUITMAN COUNTY

Atlanta – Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Ralph Hudgens announced today the continuation of his smoke alarm program “**Operation Safe Home**” in Quitman County.

State Fire Marshal Dwayne Garriss, a representative from Commissioner Hudgens’ Office presented 75 smoke alarms to Quitman County Volunteer Fire Chief Phil Thomas in a brief ceremony at the Quitman County Community Center.

Through Operation Safe Home, Commissioner Hudgens’ office provides free smoke alarms to Georgia citizens who otherwise would not be able to purchase them. The smoke alarms are donate or purchased at no cost to taxpayers. The alarms presented today were donated to the program by First Alert. Since 2011, Hudgens has donated nearly 20,000 free smoke alarms to needy citizens across the state.

“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.”

Any individual who does not have a working smoke alarm in their home and cannot afford to purchase one should call the Quitman County Volunteer Fire Department at **229-334-0903**. Area business interested in contributing to the “**Operation Safe Home**” program by purchasing smoke alarms for their community may call the Hudgens’ Public Education Division at **404-657-0831**.

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