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ACCELERANT DETECTION PROGRAM AWARDED GRANT K9 Camy Receives Protective Equipment

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL The St. Lucie County Fire District (SLCFD) is proud to announce that our accelerant detection program recently received a grant through Project Paws Alive in Port St. Lucie. The grant was awarded to K9 Camy for life saving equipment.

The summer months in Florida can be brutal, but for a dog on a fire scene, the temperatures can be life threatening. A dog can be overcome by heat exhaustion in a matter of minutes. In addition to a full medical kit, Camy received a cooling vest to reduce temperature and a K9 alert system that monitors temperature and carbon monoxide when she is in the truck. The system reports to the canine handler via cell phone.

K9 Camy provides a vital service to the community and is an asset to the fire district; and just like their handlers, arson dogs need the proper equipment to keep them protected and safe.

"We are especially grateful to Project Paws Alive. Camy is a very special member of our fire investigation team and we are pleased that she is now equipped with the gear she needs to reach her full potential." –Fire Marshal, Division Chief Paul Langel

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