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HUDGENS: OPERATION SAFE HOME COMES TO BALDWIN COUNTY

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

Commissioner Hudgens presented three dozen smoke alarms to Milledgeville Fire Chief Tom Dietrich in a brief ceremony at the main Fire Station.

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 purchased at no cost to taxpayers; funds raised in the private sector are used to purchase them. 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.”

Any individual or business interested in contributing to **Operation Safe Home** may call the Milledgeville Fire Department or Commissioner Hudgens’ Public Education Division at **404-657-0831**.

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