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# NEWS RELEASE



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## **FIRE DESTROYS SAFE HARBOR ANIMAL SHELTER**

March 14, 2008 – At approximately 3:20 AM, officers were dispatched to Safe Harbor (North County Humane Society) 185 East Indiantown Road, in reference to an alarm activation. Upon arrival, officers noticed a substantial amount of smoke coming from the interior of the building. Several dogs were attempting to break through the glass store front to escape from the smoke and fire. In an attempt to rescue the animals from inside, officers had to force entry through the glass and enter the building. Due to the large number of animals, additional officers were dispatched to the scene.

Through the assistance of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, a chain of personnel was established and 38 animals were saved from the smoke and fire. However, 14 cats' perished due to smoke inhalation. Several dogs and cats required oxygen and two dogs were transported to an animal hospital on Northlake Boulevard.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Please contact Sergeant Scott Pascarella if you should need additional information.

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