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Paulding County Deploys New Protective Equipment Used in Structure Fires

Dallas, Georgia – October 30th, 2020 – After nearly 25 years using the same breathing protection platform, Paulding County Fire & Rescue has deployed a new system for its Firefighters.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, also known as an SCBA, is one of the most critical protective tools worn by Firefighters battling fires & mitigating hazardous materials emergencies.

Paulding County's new G1 SCBA system is manufactured by MSA Safety Incorporated and is designed to give firefighters the very highest standard of personal breathing protection in hazardous environments. The total cost to taxpayers, including all components, training, and certifying several Paulding employees to maintain the equipment, was \$611,681.

The G1 eliminates electronics in the SCBA facepiece which gives Firefighters a much wider and unobstructed view while wearing the equipment. Modern voice amplification is also built into the G1 ensuring crews can more effectively communicate with each other while wearing the SCBAs.

“Our Firefighters have been using legacy equipment for many years so we are very happy our Commissioners supported funding to safeguard our personnel. This means that our front-line personnel will be able to perform a dangerous job far safer than before and with a much more modern breathing system,” according to Chief Joey Pelfrey.

“Another attractive feature of the MSA G1 is the integrated Thermal Imaging Camera (iTIC). The iTIC eliminates the need for personnel to carry another piece of expensive equipment when searching for trapped, lost or unconscious victims inside a fire. MSA builds the camera and screen right into the SCBA worn by our personnel. We are very excited to have these great new tools available to our firefighters today as they protect the citizens of Paulding County.”

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