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MORE THAN \$30,000 AWARDED TO GREATER WICHITA FIRE DEPARTMENTS

WHAT

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is celebrating \$30,256 worth of life-saving equipment grants awarded to Andover Fire Rescue, Sumner County Fire District #8 and Wellington Fire & EMS.

WHO

Attendees include local firefighters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Jim Costello, Firehouse Subs Franchisees Megan and Andrew Reece, and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Senior Manager of Foundation Development Meghan Vargas.

WHEN

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE

Firehouse Subs Restaurant
8007 E. Kellogg Dr. #18
Wichita, KS 67207

DONATION DESCRIPTION

Andover Fire Rescue received portable radios and a thermal imaging camera worth \$19,156. The awarded radios will improve communication between the department and county dispatchers, while the thermal imaging camera will be used to detect body heat and hot spots in burning buildings, allowing firefighters to quickly reach victims and provide life-saving assistance.

Sumner County Fire District #8 received a new foam system with nozzles worth \$4,125. The awarded equipment will replace the existing 20-year-old system. Using foam will assist the all-volunteer department in putting out fires quicker and more efficiently.

Wellington Fire & EMS received extrication equipment worth \$6,975. The awarded equipment will improve the department's rescue capabilities for victims in motor vehicle accidents.

ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

In 2005, Firehouse Subs created the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has given more than **\$17 million to hometown heroes in 44 states and Puerto Rico, including more than \$139,000 in Kansas.**

IN-RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon pickle buckets, available to guests for a \$2 donation to the Foundation. Donation canisters on register counters explain the non-profit's mission and collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to "round up" their bill to the nearest dollar. All funds raised benefit the Foundation.

ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS

Firehouse Subs® is a fast casual restaurant chain with a passion for Hearty and Flavorful Food, Heartfelt Service and Public Safety. Founded by brothers and former firefighters Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, Firehouse Subs is a brand built on decades of fire and police service, steaming hot subs piled higher with the highest quality meats and cheeses and its commitment to saving lives through the creation of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation®. The founders are the real deal, the food is their creation and the company is built upon a family of franchise operators who share their same passion for serving others. In 2015, Firehouse Subs made its international debut in Canada, with plans to open more than 90 locations in the Ontario market and future plans for further Canada expansion. Firehouse Subs is consistently recognized as a leader in the fast casual segment. For the last three years, Firehouse Subs was ranked No. 1 by Technomic's Chain Restaurant Consumers' Choice Awards among fast casual brands in the categories of food quality (2016), service (2015) and atmosphere (2014). Forbes recognized Firehouse Subs in 2015 as a *Best Franchise to Buy*.

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