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MORE THAN \$28,000 WORTH OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO GREATER MIDLAND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

MIDLAND, Mich.— Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will celebrate \$28,063 worth of life-saving equipment grants awarded to Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Fire Department and Beaverton Area Fire Department during a press event at **2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2** at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at **7215 Eastman Ave. Midland, Mich. 48642**.

“Giving back to our first responders is the primary goal of the Foundation,” said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters. “We’re in a very fortunate position that allows us to work together with Firehouse Subs restaurants to raise funds that help provide life-saving equipment locally and throughout the country. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we’re truly making a difference.”

The below encapsulates each grant award being celebrated at the Aug. 2 event, including a brief description of equipment use and value:

- **Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Fire Department** received six automated external defibrillators (AEDs) valued at \$11,819. The awarded AEDs will help ensure the department is prepared to provide medical assistance if an individual goes into cardiac arrest on the reservation, or in the surrounding community of Mount Pleasant.
- **Beaverton Area Fire Department** received a chest compression system valued at \$16,244. The awarded device will assist firefighters by delivering uninterrupted chest compressions at a constant rate and depth to cardiac arrest patients, helping improve a patient’s chance of survival.

“AEDs are an important tool for first responders,” said Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Fire Chief Fred Cantu. “Having them with us when responding to calls increases the chances of survival for someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It was imperative that we replace

the units, and now, thanks to the generosity of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, we will be able to continue to provide life-saving medical attention to both tribal members and the surrounding community.”

Event attendees include local firefighters, as well as Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative John Kupiec and the following Firehouse Subs franchisees: Sean Hoffman, Kenneth Hoffman, Will O’Hara and Wanda O’Hara.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when Firehouse Subs co-founders, Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, traveled to Mississippi where they provided food to first responders and survivors. As they traveled back to Florida, they knew they could do more and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was born with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Since its inception, the non-profit organization has granted more than \$28 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$458,000 in Michigan.

Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon buckets, available to guests for a \$2 donation to the Foundation. Donation canisters on register counters collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to “round up” their bill to the nearest dollar. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors.

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