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MORE THAN \$11,000 WORTH OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO VILLA PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

VILLA PARK, Ill. – Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will celebrate \$11,894 worth of life-saving equipment awarded to Villa Park Fire Department during a press event at **2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10** at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at **298 W. North Ave. Villa Park, Ill. 60181**.

“You never know when your life may depend on a first responder,” said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters. “Having the right tools in the right hands at the right time can make all the difference.”

The below encapsulates the grant award being celebrated at the Aug. 10 event, including a brief description of equipment use and value:

- **Villa Park Fire Department** received four video laryngoscopes and accessories valued at \$11,894. The awarded devices will provide an efficient line of sight during intubation, improving chances of survival for patients suffering from respiratory and cardiac trauma requiring secured airways.

“We would like to sincerely thank Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for choosing us as a recipient for a grant which will allow us to outfit all four of Villa Park Fire Department’s Advanced Life Support rigs with the most up to date intubation equipment,” said Villa Park Fire Department Firefighter Kelli Krupa. “We strive to provide the community we serve with the best treatment possible, and this advanced technology will aid our paramedics in doing so. Thanks to the Foundation, we are able to provide the best care and the greatest impact to our patients”.

Event attendees include local firefighters, as well as Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Sam Stanovich and Firehouse Subs Franchisee Yogesh Patel.

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 \$793,000 in Illinois.

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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