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MORE THAN \$18,000 WORTH OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO DARBY FIRE COMPANY #1 AND SALVATION ARMY OF WEST CHESTER

FRAZER, Pa. – Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will celebrate \$18,176 worth of life-saving equipment grants awarded to Darby Fire Company #1 and The Salvation Army of West Chester during a press event at **10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1** at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at **235 Lancaster Ave. Frazer, Pa. 19355.**

The event will feature live demonstrations from benefitting organizations explaining the importance of the equipment and how it will be used to save lives. Frazer residents and Firehouse Subs guests are invited to join the celebration and see firsthand how their generous contributions have come full circle to provide much needed equipment in their community.

“We thank our donors for their contributions that help us provide these life-saving tools,” said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters. “Our first responders are heroes, and we want to be sure they have what they need to protect their communities.”

The below encapsulates each grant award being celebrated at the Nov. 1 event, including a brief description of equipment use and value:

- **Darby Fire Company #1** received five sets of structural firefighting turnout gear valued at \$16,627, including pants, coats, boots, helmets and gloves. The awarded gear will replace old, damaged gear, allowing firefighters to provide safe and efficient services to their community.
- **The Salvation Army of West Chester** received an automated external defibrillator (AED) and CPR/AED and basic first aid training for nine employees worth a combined \$1,549. The awarded equipment and training will ensure the

organization is equipped to provide medical assistance if an individual goes into cardiac arrest.

Event attendees include local firefighters and representatives from the Salvation Army, as well as Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters and Firehouse Subs Area Representative Bob Lowe.

“We greatly appreciate the grant awarded to us by Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation,” said Darby Fire Company President Kevin Carry. “The grant allows us to outfit five firefighters, whose personal protective equipment is over 12 years old, outdated and damaged from use, putting their safety in jeopardy. The new gear allows our firefighters to do the best job they can, allowing them to perform their duties at each and every call they respond to without fear of being injured due to unsafe protective equipment.”

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when Firehouse Subs 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 \$29.5 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$440,000 in Pennsylvania.

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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