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## **MORE THAN \$76,000 AWARDED TO THREE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

DAYTON, Ohio – Continuing its mission of supporting hometown heroes, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will celebrate \$76,706 worth of life-saving equipment grants awarded to three local fire departments during a press event at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19** at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at **5239 Cornerstone North Blvd. Dayton, Ohio 45440**.

The event will feature live demonstrations from benefitting departments, explaining the importance of the equipment and how it will be used to save lives. Dayton 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 want to thank all of our donors who help our organization 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 Oct. 19 event, including a brief description of equipment use and value:**

- **Englewood Fire Department and Sugarcreek Township Fire Department** each received two chest compression systems valued at a combined \$52,592. The awarded devices 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. Research shows that mechanically controlled compressions are able to sustain a higher blood flow to the brain and heart compared to manual compressions.
- **Union Fire Department** received a cardiac monitor defibrillator with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO) monitoring capabilities valued at \$24,114. The awarded device will assist the department when responding to

cardiac arrest emergencies and those in need of advanced life support, allowing firefighters to positively confirm if a victim's blood stream contains CO. In 2016, the department responded to 12 service calls related to CO detected in homes.

"Through a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant we were able to purchase two Lucas chest compression devices, one for each of our stations," said Englewood Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Thadeus Moss. "The awarded devices enables us to free up a set of hands from doing CPR allowing that person to perform other life-saving tasks during a cardiac arrest event. CPR can become taxing on responders, requiring them to rotate performing CPR. The Lucas device allows for automated, constant and persistent chest compressions, which are key to survival rates in cardiac events. Speaking on behalf of the department, we'd like to thank Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and Firehouse Subs for granting us these devices."

Event attendees include local firefighters, as well as Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Charles Fryman and Firehouse Subs Franchisee David Baker.

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 \$1.4 million in Ohio.

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.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is also celebrating its largest annual fundraiser, Public Safety Month, which aims to raise \$1 million for life-saving equipment. Throughout the month of October, Firehouse Subs guests are invited to support this initiative by visiting their local Firehouse Subs restaurant and donating \$1, \$5 or \$25 for a paper medallion. Proceeds will help the Foundation provide grant assistance to first responder and public safety organizations in need, helping ensure access to tools necessary for protecting communities and saving lives when emergency strikes.

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