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MORE THAN \$44,000 WORTH OF LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO NORTHEAST MARYLAND PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS

BEL AIR, Md. – Oct 10, 2018 – Continuing its mission of impacting the lifesaving capabilities and the lives of local heroes and their communities, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will celebrate \$44,210 worth of lifesaving equipment grants awarded to three local public safety organizations during a press event at **10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018**, at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at 615 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, Md. 21014.

“It is so rewarding to be able to give back to those who put their lives on the line to protect us,” said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters. “People don’t realize first responders often lack the funds needed to purchase necessary equipment, thanks to our generous donors we’re able to make a difference.”

The event will feature live demonstrations from local first responders explaining the importance of the awarded equipment and how it will be used to save lives. 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.

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

- **Fire and Burn Safety Coalition of Maryland** received 40 fire helmets, 10 hard hats and 10 gas air monitors valued at \$24,079.

The awarded equipment will replace the coalition's outdated gear, ensuring the safety of fire and explosive investigators.

- **Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.** received a CPR manikin with accessories valued at \$5,640. The awarded manikin will be used during training exercises to improve CPR competence through real-time feedback, providing reliable equipment with modern EMS advances to train on.
- **Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company** received a chest compression device valued at \$14,491. The company answers an average of more than 6,000 calls per year, 50 of which are for cardiac arrests. 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.

Event attendees include local first responders, coalition members, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Dan Lowe and Firehouse Subs franchisees Ayaz Moledina, Darrin Atlas and Dennis Atlas.

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, lifesaving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Since its inception, the non-profit organization has granted more than \$37.7 million to hometown heroes in 47 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$561,000 in Maryland.

Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors. Each restaurant recycles five-gallon pickle 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. The Foundation is also the beneficiary of a Charitable Sales Promotion where Firehouse

of America (FOA) will donate to the Foundation a sum equivalent to 0.13% of all gross sales with a minimum donation of \$1MM through December 31, 2018.

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