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MORE THAN \$70,000 WORTH OF LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT AWARDED TO MARYLAND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

PRINCE FREDERICK, 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 \$70,975 worth of lifesaving equipment grants awarded to three volunteer fire departments during a press event at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018**, at the Firehouse Subs restaurant located at 641 N. Solomons Island Rd., Prince Frederick, Md. 20678.

“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 lifesaving equipment locally and throughout the country. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, 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:

- **Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department** received rope rescue and vehicle stabilization equipment valued at \$7,392. The awarded equipment will enhance the department’s lifesaving capabilities,

allowing them to work quickly and safely in emergency rescue situations.

- **Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department** received extrication equipment valued at \$29,538. The awarded tools will improve the department's rescue capabilities for victims in motor vehicle accidents by allowing firefighters to cut through materials used in modern manufacturing and quickly reach victims in need of medical attention.
- **Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire** received two automated CPR devices valued at \$34,108. The awarded devices will assist first responders 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, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Dan Lowe and Firehouse Subs franchisees 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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