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FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY IN PANHANDLE

More than \$51,000 in equipment grants awarded

MILTON, Fla. – Increasing lifesaving capabilities and improving public safety in the greater Destin area, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will award \$51,294 worth of equipment grants to three local organizations on **Wednesday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m.** The dedication ceremony, taking place at the Firehouse Subs located at 6570 Caroline Street, will feature demonstrations from first responders showcasing the awarded equipment, highlighting the community impact of donations collected at local Firehouse Subs restaurants.

The below provides a brief description of the grant awards being celebrated at the March 13 event:

- **Escambia County Board of County Commissioners** received seven automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and accessories to be placed in the county's correctional facility, ensuring staff are equipped to provide medical assistance if an individual goes into cardiac arrest. **Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office** received 20 AEDs to be placed in police patrol cars, as well as two trainers to ensure deputies quickly and efficiently learn how to operate the new equipment.
- **Pace Fire Rescue District** received six sets of bunker gear including coats, pants, boots and gloves to replace outdated and damaged gear, allowing firefighters to safely and efficiently protect their community.

The Foundation is able to continue its mission of supporting local heroes thanks to Foundation donors and in-restaurant fundraising, \$2 pickle bucket donations and spare change canisters; the Round Up Program, which allows guests to "round up" their bill to

the nearest dollar; and the Firehouse of America (FOA) Charitable Sales Promotion, in which FOA will donate a sum equivalent to 0.11% of all gross sales with a minimum donation of \$1MM through December 31, 2019.

“We want to thank our donors who help us provide these lifesaving tools,” said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Events and Outreach Coordinator Nancy Palmer. “Our first responders are our heroes and we want to be sure they have the tools and technology they need to protect their communities.”

Event attendees include local first responders, Nancy Palmer, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Jim Broschious, and Firehouse Subs franchisees Scott Esty, Tony Pietsch and Michael Pietsch. 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.

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ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

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 returned home, 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 \$40 million to hometown heroes in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$6.2 million in Florida.

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