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## **FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY IN FORSYTH AND FULTON COUNTIES**

*More than \$39,000 in equipment grants awarded*

CUMMING, Ga. – Increasing lifesaving capabilities and improving public safety across the greater Atlanta area, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will award \$39,600 worth of equipment grants to three local organizations on **Wednesday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m.** The dedication ceremony, taking place at the Firehouse Subs located at 2320 Atlanta Highway, 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 May 29 event:

- **Forsyth County Fire Department** received 75 personal flotation devices and 45 standard rescue bags to aid in water recovery and rescue missions. The new equipment will improve the safety of both victims and firefighters.
- **International Charter School of Atlanta** received two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and accessories. If a member of the growing student and staff population goes into cardiac arrest, the school will now be prepared to provide lifesaving aid. According to the American Heart Association, immediate CPR or AED use can double, even triple, survival rates.
- **Milton Fire-Rescue** received body armor and helmets for firefighters administering aid during hostile emergency situations, providing increased ballistic protection.

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 never want to hear that a piece of equipment was missing or not accessible in an emergency situation," said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Events and Outreach Coordinator Nancy Palmer. "Our Foundation is committed to equipping the men and women who serve and protect our communities every day."

Event attendees include local first responders, Nancy Palmer, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Shawn Hooks, and multiple Firehouse Subs franchisees. 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 \$42 million to hometown heroes in 49 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including **more than \$2.6 million in Georgia.**

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