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FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION ENHANCES PUBLIC SAFETY ACROSS OHIO

More than \$209,000 worth of lifesaving equipment grants awarded

Columbus, Ohio – Following historic flooding that shook the state in February, first responders across Ohio are working to ensure their departments are prepared for the next time disaster strikes, accepting nearly a quarter-million dollars worth of lifesaving equipment from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. Grants will be celebrated at an **11 a.m. press conference on Wednesday, July 10** at Medflight of Ohio – a non-profit organization providing nearly 7,000 air and ground critical care transports annually – located at 2827 W Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43235.

Amidst a backdrop of helicopters, ambulances and rescue equipment, the event will showcase the critical responsibilities of first responders and highlight struggles faced daily in the line of the duty. Compelling speeches will be delivered by The City of Columbus Director of Public Safety Ned Pettus, Jr. Ph. D., who worked diligently to reduce firefighter injuries and overhaul out-of-date technology during his tenure as the city's fire chief, as well as Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. Both will explain the importance the equipment and how it will be used to save lives in the community.

The below encapsulates each grant award, including a brief description of equipment use and value.

- **Sharon Township Police Department** received three AEDs valued at \$4,718. Two of the awarded AEDs will be placed in police cruisers, while the third is installed at the department, helping ensure officers are prepared to provide lifesaving assistance if an individual goes into cardiac arrest.

- **Hartford Fire Department** received a utility-terrain vehicle (UTV) and skid unit valued at \$18,465. The equipment will allow firefighters to provide medical support in areas impassable by traditional emergency vehicles, such as at the Hartford Fair when services must be provided in tight areas.
- **Monroe Township Fire Department** received a mobile radio and three portable radios valued at \$18,094. The equipment will improve communication with incident command while also allowing the immediate transfer of critical information pertaining to emergencies.
- **Arrowhead Joint Fire District** received 25 SCBA cylinders valued at \$21,625. The awarded cylinders will replace older, heavier air packs and will be worn when air quality is poor, providing firefighters with necessary protection and breathable air so they can deliver safe and efficient services to the community.
- **Madison Township Fire Department and the Mifflin Township Division of Fire** received extrication equipment valued at \$62,625. The awarded equipment will improve the department's rescue capabilities in motor vehicle accidents and is estimated to impact more than 800 lives.
- **Liberty Township Fire Department and Newark Fire Department** received structural fighting equipment valued at \$22,471. This turnout gear will replace old, damaged gear, allowing firefighters to provide safe and efficient services to their community.
- **Scioto Township Fire Department** received a portable light tower with generator and accessories valued at \$8,337. The equipment will help improve lighting on fire and water rescues, as well as on other extended scenes, which will help improve safety.
- **City of Marion Ohio Fire Department** received three thermal imaging cameras valued at \$23,562. The awarded equipment will be used to detect body heat and hot spots in burning buildings.
- **Marion Township Fire Department** received a chest compression system valued at \$14,220. The equipment 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.

- **Washington Township Fire Department** received four stair chairs valued at \$15,742. These chairs will help improve speed of medical care to patients as demand for service has increased in the area.

Attendees include: event speakers Ned Pettus, Jr., Ph. D. and Dave Yost; local first responders, including Sharon Township Police Department Chief Donald Schwind and Scioto Township Fire Department Chief Marvin McIntire; Avery Pierson, representative from US Senator Rob Portman's office; representatives from Mifflin Township and Newark City Council; Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director Robin Peters, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Senior Manager of Foundation Development Meghan Vargas, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Paul Belle and several Firehouse Subs franchisees.

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 a sum equivalent to 0.11% of all gross sales with a minimum donation of \$1MM through December 31, 2019.

To donate online and support Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, visit FirehouseSubsFoundation.org.

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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 \$44 million to hometown heroes in 49 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$2.1 million in Ohio.

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