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## **MORE THAN \$29,000 WORTH OF LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT GRANTS AWARDED TO BOARDMAN FIRST RESPONDERS**

BOARDMAN, OH. – Thanks to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, the Boardman Fire Department and the Butler Township Police Department will celebrate \$29,775 worth of life saving equipment grants during a dedication event on Thursday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at a Firehouse Subs restaurant, located at **700 Boardman Poland Road, Boardman, Ohio.**

“The right tools at the right time can make all the difference,” said Executive Director of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Robin Peters. “Thanks to our generous donors, our Foundation can help ensure first responders are prepared in the event of an emergency.”

The event will incorporate a donation ceremony, as well as live demonstrations from receiving organizations, explaining the importance of the 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 Sept. 12 event, including a brief description of equipment use and value:**

- **Boardman Fire Department** received one industrial grade fire simulator valued at \$18,120. The awarded equipment will allow community members to have hands-on experience with fire extinguishers so they’re better prepared in the event of an unexpected fire.
- **Butler Township Police Department** received nine automated external defibrillators (AEDs), valued at \$11,655. The awarded AEDs will help ensure the organization is prepared to provide medical assistance if an individual goes into cardiac arrest.

Event attendees include representatives from each receiving department, as well as Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Executive Director, Robin Peters, Senior Manager of Finance and Compliance, Gina Brown, Firehouse Subs Area Representative Matt Liggett, and the following Firehouse Subs franchisees: Diane Gregg and Bob Gregg.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Firehouse Subs co-founders, Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, traveled to Mississippi where they fed 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, life-saving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Since 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.

To raise money for the Foundation, Firehouse Subs restaurants participate in a number of fundraising efforts. Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon pickle buckets and sells them to guests for \$2. Donation canisters on register counters collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to “round up” their bill to the nearest dollar. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors.

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