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FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$20,000 TO TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will celebrate a grant awarded to Tallahassee Community College Foundation for \$20,000 to fund seven scholarships for current or future students in the Fire Academy program at Tallahassee Community College (TCC) – Florida Public Safety Institute. The grant will be acknowledged during the TCC District Board of Trustees Meeting on **Monday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Tallahassee Community College Center for Innovation, located at **300 West Pensacola Street Tallahassee, FL 32301.**

“When we provide for students we are providing for the next generation of first responders,” said Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation’s Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, Jackie Kotos. “We are proud to support these future firefighters and take away some of the financial stress that comes with continued education.”

Event attendees include the Executive Director of the TCC Foundation and Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Heather Mitchell, Firehouse Subs area representatives Lisa and Chris Holmes, Firehouse Subs franchisees Matt Holmes, Brandon Jerkins, and Scott Paul, and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, Jackie Kotos.

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, lifesaving equipment and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Since inception, the non-profit organization has granted more than \$46 million to hometown heroes in 49 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including over \$7.5 million in Florida.

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 \$3. 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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