



# CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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### FIREHOUSE SUB GRANT MORE THAN \$18,000 AWARDED TO EASTERN VIRGINIA



On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM Firehouse Subs Restaurant 334 Southpark Cir. Colonial Heights, VA 23834 is celebrating \$18,893 worth of life-saving equipment grants awarded to Colonial Heights Fire & EMS and to Southside Virginia Emergency Crew. This is part of Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Attendees include local first responders, Firehouse Subs Area Representatives Chris Pietrzyk and Mike Pietrzyk, Firehouse Subs Franchisees Andrea and Walter Melton and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Senior Manager of Foundation Development Meghan Vargas.

### AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Colonial Heights Fire & EMS received five battery powered ventilation fans worth \$17,813. The awarded fans will improve firefighter safety by quickly removing toxic gases from turnout gear following structural fires.

Southside Virginia Emergency Crew received three flexible stretchers worth \$1,080. The awarded equipment will enable a safer, more viable method for transporting patients down stairs or out of small areas unable to accommodate a full size stretcher.

## **ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION**

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has given more than \$24 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$962,000 in Virginia.

## **IN-RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES**

Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon pickle buckets, available to guests for a \$2 donation to the Foundation. Donation canisters on register counters explain the non-profit's mission and collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to "round up" their bill to the nearest dollar. All funds raised benefit the Foundation.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

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