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FUQUAY-VARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs) THROUGH COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE AND FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

Fuquay-Varina, NC – The Fuquay-Varina Police Department recently received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), for a police cruiser. The donation came through the Fraternal Order of Police as part of a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. AEDs are a device that measures heart rhythm and can send a shock to the heart in order to treat sudden cardiac arrest. With police officers often first on the scene, especially in rural areas, these devices are becoming more and more important.

“We are appreciative to the National FOP, NC FOP and NC FOP Lodge #46 for creating this partnership that will have a positive impact on public safety,” Chief Laura Fahnestock said. “Having AEDs available in police vehicles and police departments will assist in saving lives. We received one AED and this unit will be placed in one of our patrol vehicles. We hope to receive additional AED units through future grant opportunities to expand the number of AED units assigned to patrol units.”

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.

FOP National President Chuck Canterbury said that the \$250,000 grant would help get 263 AEDs into the hands of police across the country. “We’re pleased and proud to establish a partnership with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation,” Canterbury said. “While police and firefighters like to kid each other, everyone is committed to saving lives and that’s just what this program will do.” The FOP distributed the AEDs to state lodges that worked with local law enforcement to identify areas with the biggest need for this life-saving device. Learn more about the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation at www.FirehouseSubsFoundation.org and about the FOP at www.FOP.net.

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