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Spring Hill Fire Department awarded Firehouse Subs grant

SPRING HILL, Tenn. – The Spring Hill Fire Department today was honored with a grant award from Firehouse Subs, the restaurant chain “Founded by Firemen.”

The department received two thermal imaging cameras, valued at roughly $9,000 each, that allow firefighters to quickly and safely assess the root of a structure fire from outside the building to know where to dedicate resources to fighting it, and to locate people inside a blazing structure. Now having four total thermal imaging cameras, the department has enough to put at least one in each fire station, said Fire Chief Terry Hood.
“This is a great thing Firehouse Subs is doing for Spring Hill Fire Department, and it means a lot because it’s grant money and those are costs for important equipment that taxpayers do not have to bear,” Hood said. “We would love to have a camera for every firefighter, but that’s not attainable because of costs, but maybe one day it could be part of their turnout gear. So, this grant is tremendous for this community.”

The equipment grant was presented this morning at the Firehouse Subs franchise at 1000 Crossings Boulevard, in The Crossings at Spring Hill shopping center, where firefighters and City officials joined Firehouse Subs representatives for the grant award.

Spring Hill was one of three local fire departments included in the $37,100 total grant, along with departments in Fairview and Summertown, Tenn., which each received a camera.

“We are passionate about this; we believe in helping out and giving back, and so does this franchise,” said Chris Ivie, owner of the Firehouse Subs franchise at The Crossings at Spring Hill. “Even though Spring Hill is a fulltime fire department, there are still things they are not able to have. So, it’s a blessing to be able to help people like this, and it’s absolutely vital to what they do.”

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is funded through donations customers choose to give by rounding up their purchase to the nearest dollar, dropping money into the front counter donation box, or through the proceeds of the sale of the restaurant’s popular pickle buckets, which are sold for $2 each to the public.

The nonprofit foundation donated $10.1 million since it was created in 2005 to purchase life-saving equipment and educational opportunities for first responders and public safety organizations across the country, including $506,800 in Tennessee.

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