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Summerville Fire and Rescue Awarded Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (August 17, 2017) – The Summerville Fire and Rescue Department has been awarded a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant. The funds, totaling \$27,308, will be used towards the direct purchase of new vehicle extrication equipment to include a spreader, cutter, and ram. Extrication tools are used by the department in life-threatening, vehicle-related incidents.

The new equipment will replace existing units that are now over 20 years old. While only 10 percent of vehicle accidents in Summerville involve a true extrication, the majority of extrications must be performed on vehicles with high strength materials that are beyond the design capability of the department's current low pressure tools. "The grant will enable us to obtain necessary equipment that will decrease emergency response time and reduce the likelihood of firefighter injury," said Fire Chief Richard Waring.

Executive Director of the Foundation, Robin Peters, said, "we are very excited about being able to assist your organization and ultimately improve the services you offer the Summerville community." Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) that was started in 2005 with the mission of impacting the life-saving capabilities, and the lives, of local heroes and their communities. The program provides equipment and resources to first responders and public safety organizations.

For more information about the Summerville Fire and Rescue Department, please visit www.summervillesc.gov

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