

PRESS RELEASE – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Awards 22 Automatic External Defibrillators

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The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and Perquimans County Emergency Services are excited to announce that later this year each Sheriff's Office Vehicle and Emergency Service's Support Vehicle will be equipped with Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). The grant for the AEDs and accessories is being provided by a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant in the amount of \$36,433.90. This Foundation began in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina and their mission is to provide funding, lifesaving equipment, and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations.

In 2018, the Sheriff's Office responded to 88% of all sudden cardiac arrest calls in Perquimans County. In several cases, deputies were the first to arrive on scene and initiated CPR but did not have the capability for early defibrillation. The American Heart Association reports "Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and early defibrillation, with an automated external defibrillator (AED), can more than double a victim's chance of survival". Sheriff Shelby White stated, "I am looking forward to adding another level of safety and support to help the people of Perquimans County".

With the support of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant, deputies and emergency services personnel including EMS, Fire Marshal, 911, Water Rescue and Emergency Management Personnel will soon be able to provide both CPR and early defibrillation. Emergency Services Director Jonathan Nixon stated "I am thankful for the partnerships that have been built between the first responders in Perquimans County. Our departments are constantly working to improve the services we can provide within our community".

We would like to thank the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the generous donation that will allow our first responders to better serve their community.



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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, lifesaving equipment, and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$44 million to hometown heroes in 49 states and Puerto Rico, including more than \$1,554,000 in North Carolina.