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Sampson County Emergency Services Awarded Lifesaving Equipment Grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

Grant is part of more than \$75 million given by Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to public safety organizations across the U.S.

(Clinton, N.C.) – Sampson County Emergency Services recently received a \$27,072 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase a John Deere Gator utility terrain vehicle (UTV) with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) skid unit. This critical equipment will allow our first responders to be better prepared in emergency situations and protect the citizens of Sampson County to the best of our abilities.

"On behalf of Sampson County Emergency Services and its members, I want to thank the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs in Goldsboro," said Rick Sauer, Director of Sampson County Emergency Services. "We are incredibly humbled to receive this vital equipment to continue to keep Sampson County safe."

The new UTV will enhance our organization's ability to reach patients and injured persons in wooded and other off-road locations. This equipment will enable a crew of up to five rescuers to be transported to an off-road, emergency location to extricate a patient and get them to a nearby ambulance. When minutes count, having the right tools in the right hands makes all the difference.

For the past 17 years, donations have been the driving force behind <u>Firehouse Subs Public Safety</u> <u>Foundation®</u> supporting first responders and public safety organizations nationwide. To learn more about Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation or donate directly, visit <u>FirehouseSubsFoundation.org</u>.

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ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the 501(c)(3), non-profit Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The charity provides lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief for first responders and public safety organizations, as well as support for military veterans. Since inception, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has awarded more than \$75 million to hometown heroes in 50 states plus Puerto Rico.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is honored to be listed as a four-star nonprofit organization, the highest designation, by Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors. More than 70% of the funds raised for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand. Please consider supporting a Firehouse Subs restaurant near you!

