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**HEARTLAND FIRE & RESCUE
AWARDED CRITICAL LIFESAVING UPGRADE FROM
FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION®**

The national nonprofit has provided more than \$60 million
to hometown heroes to date

La Mesa, Calif. – Heartland Fire & Rescue has been named a 2021 grant recipient by [Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation®](https://www.firehousesubspublicsafetyfoundation.org/). The City of La Mesa accepted the award as a member agency of Heartland Fire & Rescue, which was created as a joint exercise of powers agreement providing shared fire resources to El Cajon, La Mesa and Lemon Grove. These cities are safer than ever thanks to the Foundation providing important funding in the amount of \$11,314. The grant will be used to purchase swift water rescue equipment for each of the three cities and will ensure our communities are safer and better prepared for emergencies.

“We’re so thankful for the support from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs restaurant, in San Diego,” said Steve Swaney, fire chief, Heartland Fire & Rescue. “The swift water rescue gear will help us gain access to swift water rescue victims and provide enhanced rescue capabilities for the community.”

During the most recent grant cycle, the Foundation awarded 118 grants to public safety organizations across the country. The 118 grants total more than \$2.5 million toward critical lifesaving equipment, a new record for the most money ever awarded in a single quarter.

To donate and learn more about Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, visit [FirehouseSubsFoundation.org](https://www.firehousesubspublicsafetyfoundation.org/).

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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 funding resources, lifesaving equipment, prevention education, and training and disaster relief support to first responders and public safety organizations.

Since inception, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted **more than \$60 million to hometown heroes in 49 states and Puerto Rico.**

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is honored to be listed as a four-star nonprofit organization by Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities. This is their highest designation. 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.