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April 5, 2019 – (Jacksonville, FL) The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Board of Directors announced they have awarded the **Pascagoula, MS Fire Department** a grant valued at \$30,825.00.



PFD will receive the funds to purchase needed extrication equipment that is “essential in order for an agency to perform at top-tier level. This is important not only for our city, but for the region if needed in a mutual aid response. Plus, the new battery operated equipment deploys more quickly, decreasing our operational time,” said Fire Chief Donnie Carlson.

Training Chief Jon Hyatt has been involved in grant writing for several years on behalf of the fire department here. He was partial to the Foundation, because, like many in our area, he knew of their generous service to the Coast in 2005, when they sent feeding trucks out after Hurricane Katrina and stopped here in Pascagoula to help out.

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 \$42 million to hometown heroes in 49 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$374,000 in Mississippi.

“We are very active in the grants arena, especially those that do not require a city match, like this one. It’s truly a gift,” said Mayor Dane Maxwell. “We thank Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, and I’d also like to recognize the hard work of our entire fire department and the grants professionals here at the City,” he said.

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