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Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation donates equipment to Durham Tech Fire Academy

(Durham, NC) – The Fire Academy at Durham Tech will be even better equipped to train the next generation of firefighters in Durham and Orange counties, thanks to a generous donation from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The academy received a grant from the Foundation for nearly $23,000 to be used to purchase a variety of equipment, including a forcible entry-door simulator, face shields, fire hooks, nozzles, and more.

“This is a fantastic award that will assist Durham Tech in providing continuing fire service education that will ultimately benefit the citizens of Durham and Orange counties. Upon completion of the Fire Academy, our graduates are ready for employment with local municipal and volunteer fire departments,” said Dr. Randall Egsegian, dean of Public Safety programs at Durham Tech.

The Durham Tech Fire Academy is an intensive five-and-half-month program, which is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress through the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal. The Academy was started twelve years ago, and the college currently runs two programs each year with an average of 15 graduates per class. The 18th class will graduate on January 30.

The program is designed to offer cadets training in fire behavior and suppression, emergency mitigation, confined space rescue techniques, emergency medical care, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, and public fire education. Certified fire instructors, who are also experienced firefighters, teach cadets the basic skills needed to respond to fires and to contain and control them. Cadets first practice under simulated fire conditions and then during controlled fire events.

ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

In 2005, Firehouse Subs created the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs has given $12 million to hometown heroes in 42 states and Puerto Rico, including more than $594,700 in North Carolina.