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Durham Fire Department Receives \$25K Grant for Lifesaving Equipment Used In Overturned Vehicle Rescues

DURHAM, N.C. - Thanks to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, the Durham Fire Department is now better equipped to help keep the Bull City safe.

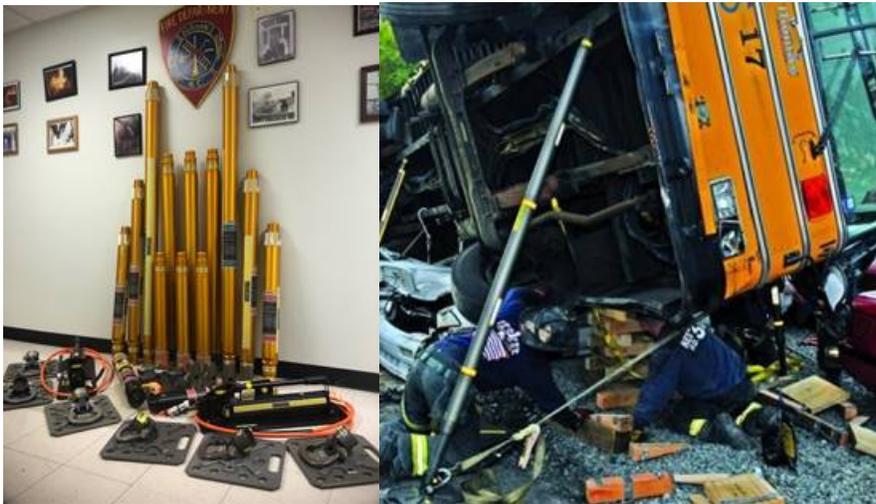
The Department recently received a \$24,859.50 grant award from the Foundation to purchase vehicle stabilization equipment, which is used during rescues involving overturned vehicles of all sizes. When vehicles are involved in crashes, they can flip onto their roof or side as well as get stuck above or below other vehicles. The funds from this grant have provided new equipment used to stabilize vehicles that are not on their wheels.

“This new and updated equipment will provide our crews the opportunity to follow standard guidelines and current industry best practices in the rescue world,” said Captain Carl Hamlin of Rescue Company 1. “We can now provide faster and safer intervention for the community and our crews while operating at heavy vehicle extrications, trench, and building collapse calls.”

According to Hamlin, the equipment consists of jacks and struts that are applied to unstable vehicles, machinery, and buildings to ensure they do not move, which allows first responders to safely rescue occupants trapped inside. According to Captain Sean Boone, the department has always conducted these types of rescue operations, but the power and reach of this new equipment greatly enhances the department’s ability to move quickly and independently of secondary response organizations.



L to R: Battalion Chief Jeff Roberts, Driver James Hicks, Firefighter Tom Scozzafava, Firefighter Jeff Hannum, Firehouse Subs Franchisee Mohammad Asad, Captain Sean Boone, and Captain Carl Hamlin.



Left photo: Equipment received from the Firehouse Subs grant. Right photo: Example of how struts may be used on an emergency scene.

About the City of Durham Fire Department

The [Durham Fire Department](#) strives to enhance the quality of life for the residents and visitors of Durham by minimizing the harmful effects of fires, medical emergencies, and other types of dangerous events. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps create a safer community by conducting fire and life safety education programs; providing emergency responses to fires, medical calls, hazardous materials spills, technical rescue calls, and water rescue calls; explaining and enforcing the fire code; investigating arson and the cause of other fires; and maintaining readiness through constant training and maintenance of facilities and equipment. To learn more follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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, training and disaster relief support to first responders and public safety organizations. Since inception, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$50 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. Their highest designation. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors. 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.

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