



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Awards Lifesaving Equipment Grant to Woolwich Township Fire**

**Woolwich, ON** – Woolwich Fire Services personnel are now better equipped to handle emergencies and keep Woolwich Township safe thanks to a grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada. The Foundation recognized our critical need and awarded \$22,763 to purchase a DJI M30T Enterprise Drone with loudspeaker, spotlight, and accessories.

“We are extremely grateful to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada and our local Firehouse Subs in Waterloo for providing us with this grant and positively impacting our community,” said Dennis Aldous, Fire Chief. “We are so grateful to be given the tools needed to continue to keep the citizens of Woolwich safe and protected.”

The drone will be used to provide another level of safety for residents and visitors of Woolwich Township by enabling firefighters to get a bird’s eye view of emergencies, such as fires, search and rescue missions, and hazardous material calls. Equipped with a high-definition and thermal imaging camera, it will give us the ability to gain information and perspective that is not possible without the aerial advantage that the drone provides. This valuable tool will also help create proactive solutions for emergency management planning and risk mitigation.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada has awarded 319 grants to public safety organizations since 2015. This grant is one of 13 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada awarded to public safety organizations during the most recent grant cycle. The 13 grants will provide critical lifesaving equipment valued at more than \$362,000 across Ontario.

To donate and learn more, visit any Firehouse Subs restaurant or donate online at [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org).

#### **About the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada**

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs Founders established the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the U.S. with the mission of providing funding, lifesaving equipment and educational opportunities for first responders and public safety organizations. Ten years later, with the opening of the first Canadian Firehouse Subs restaurant in 2015, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada was born. Today, the Canadian Foundation continues the mission of impacting the lifesaving capabilities of local heroes and their communities and has awarded more than \$2.8 million throughout Ontario.

#### **About the Fire Department**

The Township of Woolwich Fire Department currently operates six fire stations. The department is made up of approximately 150 volunteer firefighters and officers who serve the township and its surrounding areas. There are seven pumper trucks, five rescue trucks, four tankers and an aerial apparatus. For more information, visit [www.woolwich.ca/fire](http://www.woolwich.ca/fire), follow @WoolwichTownshipFire on Facebook, or @WoolwichFire on Instagram and Twitter.

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