



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: November 4, 2025

DATE: October 16, 2025

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation valued at \$39,120.00 for eighty (80) pairs of Globe Onyx structural firefighting boots (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Recommendation to accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation valued at \$39,120.00 for eighty (80) pairs of Globe Onyx structural firefighting boots.

PREVIOUS ACTION

September 7, 2021, the Board of Fire Commissioners accepted a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$30,640 for PPE Laundering Equipment.

BACKGROUND

On a quarterly basis, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation accepts the first 600 grant applications from across the nation. The “mission [of the foundation] is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, and the lives of local heroes and their communities. This is accomplished by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations.” More than 70% of the funds raised for the Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand. District staff identified the need for replacement of structural firefighting boots and applied for this grant in July 2025. During this grant cycle, approximately 8% of the total applications were awarded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

Structural firefighting boots are a vital component of a firefighter’s ensemble. Unlike standard work boots, NFPA 1971/1850 compliant boots are designed and tested to meet rigorous standards for heat resistance, puncture protection, slip resistance, and overall durability in extreme environments. Firefighters face conditions that include high heat, sharp debris, hazardous fluids, and unstable footing. Properly designed boots reduce the risk of burns,

puncture injuries, slips, trips, and falls—the leading causes of firefighter injuries on the fireground.

In addition, NFPA 1850 establishes inspection and replacement timelines for all structural firefighting PPE. Compliance with these standards ensures that boots in service are not only functional but also meet up-to-date safety requirements. Many of the District's current boots are nearing or exceeding their recommended service life, making replacement a priority for firefighter safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25/26) budget impact as the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will be purchasing the firefighting boots directly from the supplier and providing them to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. The District will report the donation of supplies in the amount of \$39,120 in the FY25/26 Government Wide Financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the board accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation valued at \$39,120.00 for eighty (80) pairs of Globe Onyx structural firefighting boots.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with Staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to accept a grant award from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation valued at \$39,120.00 for eighty (80) pairs of Globe Onyx structural firefighting boots."