

**Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation  
Grant Application**

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

**Organization/Department**

Collin County Sheriff's Office

**Department Tax ID#**

75-6000873

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2300 Bloomdale Road

**City**

McKinney

**State**

TX

**Zip**

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**Communities Served**

Allen, Anna, Blue Ridge, Celina, Fairview, Farmersville, Frisco, Josephine, Lavon, Lowry Crossing, Lucas, McKinney, Melissa, Murphy, Nevada, New Hope, Parker, Plano, Princeton, Prosper, Weston, Wylie

**Population**

885,241

**Number of Runs/Calls for Service per Year**

33,934

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

For each of the four required documents, please submit a PDF document not to exceed 20 MB.

- **Background History** – history of the department or organization applying for funds.
- **Quote for Requested Equipment** – recent quote, including sales tax where applicable and estimated freight charge, for ALL equipment requested from a vendor with vendor contact information. If approved for funding, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will NOT exceed the dollar amount quoted.
- **Financial Information** – include most recent financial information including bank statement, financial statement, previous year's audit report or revised budget including balance sheet.
- **Inventory** – current inventory of major apparatus including special equipment (i.e., thermal imagers, extrication tools, etc.) / typed list of all major equipment.

**APPLICATION REQUEST INFORMATION**

**Type of Grant Requested**

Equipment Donation/Prevention Education Items

If you are requesting equipment (If donation is approved, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will work with your preferred manufacturer to purchase the equipment and have it shipped to your location. Once the equipment arrives, a signed and dated copy of the packing slip must be sent to the Foundation as verification of receipt for the equipment. The Foundation will then pay the invoice.):

**What Equipment are you requesting for your department?** (limit 300 characters)

We are requesting six monocular night vision units and helmet mount kits for use by the Sheriff's Office during tactical operations, canine tracks of criminal persons, and for search and rescue of lost/missing children or elderly.

**TOTAL cost the equipment (including sales tax and shipping, where applicable)**

\$20,496

**Briefly explain how the equipment will benefit your community and department.** (limit 500 characters)

Night vision equipment would allow deputies to maintain the ability to see and observe in dark environments, such as wooded areas at night, where vision is usually severely limited. Officers would be better able to effectively manage surveillance activities, locate and apprehend suspects, conduct search and rescue operations, and investigate crime scenes. Use of the proposed equipment should assist deputies detect potential dangers and enhance safety of the public within Collin County.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT**

**Have you unsuccessfully reached out to the city for funds to purchase the equipment?**

The Collin County Sheriff's Office Tactical Team has previously, including this year, requested funds be budgeted for night vision devices. However, as compared to FY 2015, the Sheriff's Office operations and equipment budget was reduced by 5% for fiscal year 2016. With limited funding, the department deemed other items as a higher priority.

**Was there a particular instance where a life would have been positively impacted if you would have had the equipment available?**

In one instance, two patrol deputies responded to a disturbance call at night and were met by gun fire from a barricaded subject. After being engaged, they withdrew, and tactical was called. The incident took place on an isolated, rural property, with no outside light sources. The standoff lasted 16 hours, mostly in darkness. Throughout the event, law enforcement thought the gunman was holding a hostage inside the house. Night vision equipment would have been very valuable to establish a perimeter and conduct reconnaissance without allowing the subject to see and track officer movements through the use of their flashlights. Additionally, the ability to see in the darkness would have aided the tactical team in identifying potential hazards in the unknown and remote location, allowing them to move and maneuver more quickly and improving officer safety.

**What positive effects will the equipment specifically have? Please use statistics when possible.**

Many crimes occur at night as darkness provides cover for criminals. Therefore, much of what law enforcement officers do takes place in low, altered, or failing light. Officers need to be able to see in the dark, and a flashlight isn't always the answer as it can reveal the officers' positions and give away information about maneuvers. Fortunately, night vision technology, which has improved while also becoming more cost effective, can help officers see more clearly in darkness. Utilizing these tools, law enforcement officers would be better able to operate around the clock, improving the safety and security of all Collin County residents.

Night vision technology uses image intensification to intensify existing light, such as from the moon and stars, and allows users to see more details at night. Night vision has been shown in many law enforcement offices to be an excellent tool for approaching a target area, performing surveillance, improving navigation, and conducting searches. Additionally, literature from the last decade demonstrates that the use of night vision devices has increased the safety and operational capabilities of law enforcement officers. These tools have been used to locate missing children and elderly, as well as concealed fugitives; collect and gather intelligence regarding illicit drug operations; and patrol public parks for alleged thieves and rapists. Additionally, officers have used the technology to scan unknown scenes when responding to domestic disturbance and assault calls,

identifying anyone who might be waiting outside, as well as any dogs or animals that may increase the risk involved with entering the property.

While Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation with an estimated population of 854,778 in 2013, the jurisdiction of Collin County Sheriff's Office is mostly rural, composed of farm land and woods, with limited outdoor lighting. In the past 5 years, the Sheriff's Office has responded to 425 calls for missing children and adults, suicidal individuals, and canine tracking for criminal activity. Of these calls, 34.6% have occurred during night hours. Additionally, over the same time period, our Tactical Team responded to 16 calls with 37.5% including night operations. Night vision, if it had been available, would have been beneficial in many of these situations.

While night vision is widely used by law enforcement and has been proven to be versatile and effective, the Collin County Sheriff's Office does not currently have any night vision devices. Like most technologies, night vision is an investment and a force multiplier, adding to both officer safety and investigative efficiency. Law enforcement officers working at night face the tough challenge of not being able to see like they would during daylight hours. Being able to see in the dark, and the associated increased situational awareness it brings, could be a lifesaver – not only for the officer, but also for the residents whom they serve and protect.

#### **FIREHOUSE SUBS RELATIONSHIP**

**Name of Franchisee of the Firehouse Subs location nearest you**

Dave Patel

**Address of Firehouse Subs location nearest you**

5999 Custer Road  
Frisco, Texas 75035

**How did you hear about our organization?**

Previous grant awardee

**Has your department received funding from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the past two years?** This information will be verified, if submitted incorrectly it will result in automatic denial.

Yes

If approved for funding we will facilitate a media presentation/press event at a local Firehouse Subs restaurant to demonstrate the equipment and acknowledge the donation. It may take up to a year depending on location and donation delivery time frame. In the meantime, we ask that any immediate media announcements regarding the grant award be approved by the Foundation.

**PIO (Public Information Officer) Name**

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**FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION PRINT/VIDEO RELEASE**

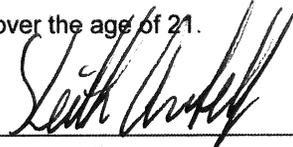
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I, as our organization's representative, am over the age of 21.

<u>Keith Self</u> <b>Applicant Name</b>	 <b>Applicant Signature</b>	<u>11/24/15</u> <b>Date</b>
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