

External Briefing Note

Subject: 2024 Grant Funding Update

To: Mayor and Council

From: Ron Jenkins, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief

Date: August 14, 2024

Briefing: Grant Funding Award – Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of

Canada

Firehouse Subs - \$29,527.94 - Project Completion Date: June 2025

Funding to be used to purchase a Digital Vehicular Repeater System for Rescue 189, allowing our department to improve and maintain communications during an incident. The P25 DVRS (Digital Vehicular Repeater System) is a small, rugged, self-contained, 10W radio base station integrated with Motorola remote mount APX™ or XTL™ series mobile radios that improves portable radio coverage for fire and other emergency personnel by using the higher power of the mobile radio in the vehicle to extend the range of the portable back to the radio system. It is a rapid deployment repeater designed to bring two-way portable radio communications to a critical incident, command post, or special event. Communication between dispatch/command and the firefighters ensures the health & safety of all firefighters, so it is a much-needed solution that will keep our firefighters connected in the moments that matter. The cost of the DVRS will be fully covered by the grant.