



# CONCORD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## Firefighters equipped with tools to rescue trapped patients

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Concord Township firefighters are equipped with hydraulic combination rescue tools to quickly free victims trapped in their vehicles, thanks to a grant received from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

The tool is a combination of a cutter and spreader which enables the firefighter to cut and separate parts of a vehicle to access trapped victims. One firefighter is able to carry the battery operated tool and it is immediately ready for service; no waiting for a power supply or hydraulic hose hook ups. The portability of the equipment will allow firefighters to quickly and easily move the tool between rescue vehicles and therefore expand our response areas.

“These tools will prove invaluable when confronted with chain reaction crashes, like we experienced during the December 2016 ice storm which spread over several miles on Interstate 90”, explains Deputy Chief Ron Terriaco. “Our patient care will improve with quicker access to entrapped patients. We will be able to deliver the patient to the hospital in a shorter time period. Our community places a high expectation on our EMS services. With 70% of our calls being EMS in nature, the addition of this equipment will help us exceed our community’s expectations” added Fire Chief Matt Sabo.

Our fight for safety continues and Fire is Everyone’s Fight™. We are thankful to partner with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in our fight to protect our residents.

### ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than \$29.5 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than \$1.4 million in Ohio.

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