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Firehouse Subs continued to give to community first responders Wednesday, as they presented two thermal imaging cameras to the new Mt. Juliet Fire Department.

“You guys have been a blessing to us,” said City Manager Kenny Martin.

The donation is made possible by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. It was formed in 2005 by Firehouse Subs founders Chris Sorensen and Robin Sorensen, former firefighters, to give back to first responders in communities all over the nation. Each restaurant recycles leftover, five-gallon pickle buckets and sells them to guests for \$2. Donation canisters on register counters explain the non-profit’s mission and collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to “round up” their bill to the nearest dollar. All funds raised benefit the Foundation.

“It’s really exciting to be able to do this for our new fire department,” said Firehouse Subs in Mt. Juliet franchise owner Brian Desmarais.

The thermal imaging cameras will detect body heat and hot spots in burning buildings, allowing firefighters to reach victims quicker and put out deadly fires. Mt. Juliet Fire Chief Erron Kinney said the cameras will help speed up the process of fighting fires.