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### **Suffolk Business Owners Recognized for Support of Public Safety**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 9, 2011) The Hampton Roads Crime Line's Board recently honored John and Pamela King of Suffolk, Virginia as the 2011 Top Individuals Award winners during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Roads Crime Lines Dinner and Top Cop Awards, November 5, 2011 held in Newport News, Virginia.

The Kings own three Firehouse Subs restaurants, two in Suffolk and one in Chesapeake, and have continually demonstrated their commitment and caring for the Suffolk Police and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Departments. Suffolk Police Chief Thomas Bennett noted, "Pam and John King are highly committed to the profession of law enforcement. As both a business owner, and an auxiliary officer John King, and his wife, Pam King, a Fire Marshal, demonstrate their commitment on a daily basis. They are highly deserving of this recognition. "

Each year, Firehouse Subs and the Kings have donated food, drinks, and snacks to feed the public safety personnel on site at the Suffolk Peanut Festival working in conjunction with the Suffolk Police Officer's Association.

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The Kings also deliver prepared trays of food to the families involved any time a member of the Suffolk Police or Fire and Rescue Departments suffer a personal loss of a family member.

In 2010, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and the Kings donated \$19,800 to purchase equipment and training for the Suffolk Police Department. This purchase featured a Total Station Unit which is used by Crime Scene forensic personnel to capture measurements and other pertinent information at crime scenes or serious fatal accidents.

The Kings and Firehouse Subs also donated \$4,000 worth of food to assist Public Safety and Emergency personnel during and after Hurricane Irene to assist with their ability to provide assistance to the citizens of Suffolk.

The Hampton Roads Crime Line's Board honors police officers and others who have demonstrated a commitment to a safer Hampton Roads community. These award recipients are leaders and role models for both their peers and their community. Nominations for these awards come from law enforcement agencies, civic leaders, key individuals, and hundreds of business leaders throughout the Hampton Roads area.

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