



News Release

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Ice Cream Specialties Donates \$56K to Lafayette Fire Department *Funding Provides Advanced HazMat Equipment and Training Through Lafayette Fire Support Foundation*

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – May 20, 2025 – The Lafayette Fire Department would like to extend its sincere gratitude to Ice Cream Specialties for their generous donation of \$56,352 to the Lafayette Fire Support Foundation. This donation provided the Special Operations Division vital hazardous materials response equipment & advanced training.

Thanks to Ice Cream Specialties' support, the Special Operations Division has been able to purchase much-needed NFPA 1994 Level A HazMat suits, as well as advanced detection and monitoring tools including refrigerant leak detection equipment, anhydrous ammonia detection equipment, multi-gas detection instruments, and an automated calibration station. In addition, the donation also funded real world anhydrous ammonia training for the Hazardous Materials Response Team, enhancing operational readiness for incidents involving hazardous products.

This donation is more than just a contribution, it's an investment in the safety of our community and the capabilities of our department. These tools and training are essential for safely and effectively responding to hazardous material incidents, particularly in industrial and refrigeration-related environments.

The 1994 HazMat suits will enhance responder protection during chemical emergencies, while the detection equipment will significantly improve the division's ability to identify and mitigate dangerous gases and vapors. The automated calibration station ensures all detection tools remain accurate and operational, increasing reliability during high-risk responses. The



anhydrous ammonia training prepared firefighters to recognize hazards, operate safely in contaminated areas, and respond with confidence to ammonia-related emergencies.

Support from community partners like Ice Cream Specialties enables the Special Operations Division to stay mission-ready and continue protecting our citizens at the highest level.

The Lafayette Fire Department remains committed to safeguarding the public through highly trained personnel, specialized equipment & teams, and strong community partnerships. Ice Cream Specialties' contribution exemplifies the power of collaboration in enhancing emergency preparedness and public safety.

About the Lafayette Fire Support Foundation

The Lafayette Fire Support Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Lafayette Fire Department and the professional firefighters who serve the Greater Lafayette area. The Foundation enhances community safety by promoting fire safety education and helping to meet the safety needs of department personnel. Its mission ultimately benefits both residents and visitors of the Lafayette community. For more information, contact LFDfoundation@lafayette.in.gov or call (765) 807-1600.

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