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City of DeFuniak Springs Firefighters and Police Receive Welcomed Gift from Lowe's

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. – DeFuniak Springs firefighters and police officers received donated building supplies Thursday from Lowe's in DeFuniak Springs, so first responders can build a needed decontamination area at the fire department. Store Manager Laura Bullock estimates the retail value of the gift to be \$2,000.

“We didn't have the money in the City's budget to purchase these supplies,” says Lt. Jerry Hall of the DeFuniak Springs Fire Department, “since we had no way of knowing about the COVID-19 outbreak back when the City's budget was formulated last year. We are deeply grateful for Lowe's answering our call for assistance to provide the needed building supplies so we can construct the appropriate shower facility at the department where firefighters and police can properly decontaminate themselves after potential exposure to COVID-19 when responding to emergencies.”

Various supplies donated from Lowe's included plywood, shower unit, vanity, sink, air conditioning window unit and other materials needed to construct the decontamination room.

City officials and staff take the COVID-19 outbreak seriously and are exercising caution for employees and citizens by encouraging safe practices. Announcements to any change in city services will be provided through media releases, on the City's website at www.DeFuniakSprings.net and on the City of DeFuniak Springs Facebook page. Citizens may also call DeFuniak Springs City Hall at (850) 892-8500 during normal business hours.

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