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Devon's Legacy Foundation Receives 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status, Expanding Mission to Empower Future Firefighters

Orlando, FL – Devon's Legacy Foundation, founded in loving memory of 19-year-old Devon Nicholas Bellar, is proud to announce its official designation as a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization**, effective **February 17, 2025**. This milestone marks a significant step in furthering the foundation's mission to honor Devon's legacy by supporting and empowering young adults pursuing careers in firefighting.

The foundation provides **full tuition scholarships** through its **Fire Academy Sponsorship Program**, helping eliminate financial barriers for passionate, service-driven individuals ready to step into the world of public service. With official nonprofit status, Devon's Legacy Foundation can now accept **tax-deductible donations**, apply for grant funding, and build strategic partnerships that broaden its impact.

"Devon dreamed of becoming a firefighter. Though his life was cut tragically short, we're committed to keeping his spirit of service alive by helping others answer that same call," said **Sam Bellar**, Founder and Devon's mother. "Becoming a 501(c)(3) not only legitimizes our work, it opens doors for us to help more students, more families, and more communities."

With the June 1 launch of the Fire Academy Sponsorship Program, the foundation is currently seeking support from donors, local fire departments, corporate sponsors, and individuals who share its mission to develop the next generation of first responders.

For more information, to donate, or to apply for a scholarship, visit www.DevonsLegacyFoundation.org.

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