

# News Release



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Recruit Classes 26, 27, & 28 Graduation

**(Frederick, MD, July 13, 2021)** -The Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services will host a formal graduation ceremony for graduates from Recruit Classes 26, 27, & 28 on Thursday, July 15, 2021. The ceremony will be held at Mount Saint Mary's University Knott Auditorium starting at 7:00pm.

Each class completed a 28-week academy during the peak of the pandemic when the Division was unable to host in-person events. The firefighters participated in over 850 hours of coursework, which included Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Vehicle Operator, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Operations, Rescue Technician - Site Operations and Vehicle Machinery Rescue, Firefighter Safety and Survival, Truck Company Operations and Child Passenger Safety Technician. The recruit classes also participated in challenging physical fitness conditioning on a daily basis.

**Recruit Class 26 members are:** Lindsey Brittle, Tyler Burke, Ryan Chandler, Andrew Dewese, Kenneth Fields, Patrick Flynn, Lance Gibson, Nathaniel Gilbert, Christopher Grace, Nicholas Grossnickle, Neal Iannone, Michael Kost, Sean Maginnis, Adam Miller, Jefferson Mitten, Kyle Pinion, Maury Sall, Andrew Sheahan, Chase Sherrard, Jose Silva, Zachary Snyder, Patricia Staniewicz, Christopher Stewart, Matthew Stoneback, Matthew Taylor, and Robert White II.

**Recruit Class 27 members are:** Jacob Altman, Ryan Atwell, Coleten Benton, Isaiah Blue, Steven DelCastillo, Adam Dudas, Bryan Dunbar, Jordan Edelin, Christopher Fertitta, Stefan Fessenden, Garrett Franklin, Kenneth Frey, Christopher Friend, Adam Helman, Scott Hoff, Christopher

Huffman, Benjamin Hurda, Connor Lesher, Richard Ostrander III, Zachary Rockwood, Edward Skabisky Jr., Joshua Thom, and Eric Wintsch.

**Recruit Class 28 members are:** Andrew Ayers, Benjamin Bideganeta, Thomas Bowrin, Justin Busch, Taylor Damskey, Brendon Dooley, Joel Doutrich, Tyler Gaigalas, McCall Griffith, William Hastings, Benjamin Hersh, Justin Kidwell, Brian Long, Brian Maphis, Benjamin McCauley, Stephen Norris, Robert Rivera, and Jacob Schott.

These individuals have already been assigned and stationed at various fire stations around Frederick County since the completion of their academy time. Though they participated in an informal, private ceremony at the conclusion of each of their academies, the Division has invited their friends and family to this formal ceremony to recognize all they have accomplished and earned while at the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services Training Academy.

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