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Firefighter Recruit Academy Graduation Ceremony

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. March 9, 2017 –The Santa Barbara County Fire Department will hold a graduation ceremony for 18 newly appointed Firefighters. The ceremony will be held on Friday March 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (2559 Puesta Del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105).



Santa Barbara County Fire Department's Recruit Academy 2017. Standing in front of Alan Hancock College's Fire Academy in Lompoc are (FRONT ROW L-R) Connor Borum, Brian Lombardi, Taylor Barnett, Kyle Heffernan, Lauren Powers, Joseph Sandoval, Edward Luparello, Joshua Gonnion, Marissa Halbeisen. (BACK ROW L-R) Zachary Pitts, Francisco LeFebre III, Blake Baldwin, Eric Gatti, Kevin Steenberge, Benjamin Gomory, Matthew Slipich, Jonathan Anderson, Daniel Skinner.

The 18 Firefighters have just finished an 8-week Lateral Recruit Academy. This was a combined Academy with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department and the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire District. Taught by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Training Section. Training included hose, ladders, ventilation, search and rescue, haz mat, auto extrication, rope rescue, and many other Fire Department disciplines. 15 of the new Firefighters will fill current vacancies for the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. 3 of the Firefighters will fill vacancies for the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire District. The Firefighters will have a one-year probation period, during which time they will be required to complete additional training and evaluations.

The ceremony is expected to last approximately one hour. All members of the Media are welcome to attend.

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