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## Fire Department Officer Promotions

Last week our administrative staff completed a month-long promotional process for new company officers. The process consisted of a file review to assure all members had the needed requirements and credentials, also included two simulation tests of response calls to measure confidence, tactical benchmarks, and assess tactics, finishing up with a panel interview from our personnel committee.

Below is the list of qualified members who were successful throughout the entire process and been approved for duty from the board of directors.

**Station One** – Tim Retka was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, call sign Lt. 15. Tim has been a member of the department since 2018 with over four years of service.

**Station Two** – Rob Payment was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, call sign Lt. 25. Rob has been a member of the department since 2010 with twelve years of service.

**Station Three** – Jeff Frahm was promoted to the rank of Captain, call sign Capt. 30. Jeff has been a member of the department since 2010 with twelve years of service.

**Station Three** – Mark Pennoyer was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, call sign Lt. 35. Mark has been a member of the department since 2015 with seven years of service.

**Station Four** – Chris Smit was promoted to the rank of Captain, call sign Capt. 40. Chris has been a member of the department since 2012 with over ten years of service.

SBM command staff, chief officers and firefighters congratulate all newly appointed members and look forward to working with you on scene. Our members train, study, and work hard towards these goals for years over and above their day-to-day workload. If you see any of them out on a call or an event, please congratulate them.

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