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Atlantic City Fire Department Celebrates Graduation of Eight New Firefighters

On Thursday June 18, the Atlantic City Fire Department proudly welcomed eight new firefighters following their graduation from Atlantic County Fire Academy Career Class 26-1.

Please join us in congratulating Firefighters Ryan Owens, Jade Jenkins, Paul McDevitt, Nicholas Price, David Goodman, Peter Mecca, Michael McMenamin, and Emil Robinson as they begin their careers serving the residents and visitors of Atlantic City.

The academy spanned several months and included recruits from Atlantic City and our partner agencies in Pleasantville, Margate City, Ocean City, and Cape May. As part of a longstanding tradition, the class concluded its final physical training event with a run over the 9th Street Bridge to the Boardwalk, finishing with a high-rise hose pack carry to the roof of Gardens Plaza.

During today's ceremony, Fire Chief Scott Evans and Atlantic City Council Vice President Kaleem Shabazz offered remarks welcoming the graduates to the profession. Public Safety Director Sean Riggan administered the oath of office to the class.

Several Atlantic City Fire Department graduates were recognized for their outstanding achievements during the academy. Firefighter Jade Jenkins received the Most Improved Award, Firefighter Paul McDevitt received the Academic Award, and Firefighter Michael McMenamin received the Leadership Award.

We would also like to thank Atlantic County Fire Academy Director Brian Middleton and Atlantic County Public Safety Director Michael Fedorko for their leadership and support throughout the academy process. Special recognition is also due to Atlantic City Battalion Chief Greg DeSantis, who led this group through the academy. As a token of appreciation, the class presented Chief DeSantis with a commemorative sledgehammer during the ceremony.

The graduates will now move on to hazardous materials training to complete the next phase of their initial preparation before reporting to their stations. We look forward to having them in service and ready to support the department as we enter our busy summer season.

Congratulations to Career Class 26-1, and thank you to the instructors, academy staff, and partner agencies who helped prepare these new firefighters for the work ahead.

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