



## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Ventura Regional Fire Academy graduates take one step closer to their calling *New trainees showcase skills at a public demonstration event*

CAMARILLO, Calif. – This week, 24 firefighter trainees will receive badges, marking the end of an intensive 18-week academy. As part of graduation activities, the 53<sup>rd</sup> academy will host a public demonstration on Friday, March 17, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Regional Training Center, located on the grounds of the Camarillo Airport at 104 E. Durley Ave.

Recruits will showcase some of the skills learned in the academy in front of an audience of dignitaries, firefighters, friends and family. Live demonstrations include a simulated three-story structure fire, ladder evolutions, patient extrication from a simulated vehicle accident and more.

Ventura County Fire will welcome 21 new firefighters and three recruits will join the City of Ventura Fire Department.

Congratulations to the members of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Ventura Regional Fire Academy, including:

Allen Jr., Cleo  
Benner, Zach – Ventura City  
Cranage, Aaron  
Dreese, Mitchell – Ventura City  
Edsall, Jeff – Ventura City  
Estandia, Greg  
Ford, Chris  
Hayward, Ian  
Hershman, Logan  
Krosskove, Kristopher  
Lieber, Perry  
Louis, Cameron

Miller, Ethan  
McElvaney, Tyler  
Phelps, Sam  
Plum, Ryan  
Sanchez Jr., Ruben  
Scherer, Ricki  
Schaeffer, Jacob  
Shuler, Myles  
Simmons, Lavar  
Tarkir, Zach  
Wreesman, Derek  
Zielinski, Damon



A private graduation ceremony will follow on Friday, March 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, located at 2100 E.Thousand Oaks Blvd. **(NOTE: This event is a private event and NOT open to public).** For more information, contact VCFD PIO at (805) 389-9769 or [PIOFire@ventura.org](mailto:PIOFire@ventura.org).

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