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NEWS RELEASE - VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FIREFIGHTER TRAINEES

Camarillo, Calif. – The Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) introduces 19 new firefighter trainees who have successfully completed 20 weeks of intense training at VCFD’s Regional Training Center in Camarillo. Under the leadership of VCFD’s training staff, the trainees of Academy 59 will enter the field this Sunday as they staff fire engines and ladder trucks throughout Ventura County.

Graduating firefighter trainees consistently demonstrated proficiency in all disciplines of firefighting, including structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, vehicle extrication, and emergency medical care to name a few.

Graduation ceremony will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday May 27, 2022, directly preceded by recruits showcasing some of the skills learned in the academy in front of an audience. Live demonstrations include a simulated three-story structure fire, ladder evolutions, patient extrication from a simulated vehicle accident and more. Live streaming will be available on our social media platforms as well as our website.

The 19 trainees will rotate through various fire station assignments, demonstrate their competency during periodic evaluations, and further hone their skills as they complete their probationary period.

The graduates of Academy 59 are:

Kevin Ashley, VCFD
Gurshan Bajwa, VEN FD
Nicholas Baker, VCFD
Mathew Bryant, VCFD
Joshua Carlson, VCFD
Isaias Castanon, VCFD
Andres Castilleja, VCFD

Stephen Clarke, VCFD
Axel Delgado, VCFD
Omar Garcia, VCFD
Darren Hansen, VCFD
Brian Hewitt, VCFD
Mathew Kubly, VCFD
Cole Lambert, VCFD

Robert Lopez, VCFD
Trent Phillips, VCFD
Elliot Pineda, VEN FD
Garrett Prather, VCFD
Alexander Rivera, VCFD
Kurt Schiele, VCFD
Branden White, VCFD

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