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Recruit Class Seven Sworn Into Office

City of Manassas, VA . . . At the Monday evening City Council meeting, seven new members of the City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department were sworn into office. New officers include Firefighter/EMT Spencer Askin, Firefighter/Medic Lindsey Blasius, Firefighter/EMT Ian Burke, Firefighter/EMT Jared Lawrence, Firefighter/EMT Mike Salazar, Firefighter/Medic Bryan Stone and Firefighter/EMT Ryan Thodal.

Firefighter/EMT Spencer Askin began his career in the fire service in 2009 when he joined the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company. While pursuing his career as a professional firefighter, he served at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in the Pediatric Emergency Department.

Firefighter/Medic Lindsey Blasius, a lifelong resident of the City of Manassas, joined the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad as a junior member. For several years she has served the City of Manassas as an Emergency Communications Specialist before becoming a professional firefighter/paramedic.

Firefighter/EMT Ian Burke graduated from George Mason University in 2015 with a degree in Psychology. While still in college, he began volunteering with Sterling Volunteer Fire Company and discovered a passion for the fire service.

Firefighter/EMT Jared Lawrence began volunteering in 2005 at OWLVFD as a junior member, following in his father's footsteps. In 2007, he attended college at the Art Institute of Washington.

Firefighter/EMT Mike Salazar earned a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Ottawa University in Phoenix, AZ, where he then worked professionally as a licensed substance abuse counselor. After relocating to Virginia, he began volunteering with the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department where he decided on a career change.

Firefighter/Medic Recruit Bryan Stone, a long time Manassas resident, returned to the area after serving in the Navy. He has previously served in King George County as a Firefighter/Medic.

Firefighter/EMT Ryan Thodal comes to the City after volunteering with Remington Volunteer Fire and Rescue for more than five years. Most recently he was working at the UVA Culpeper Hospital in the Emergency Room.

These new firefighters are already in service, working for the greater Manassas Area.

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