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### **Burleson Fire host badge pinning ceremony**

Burleson fire department celebrated multiple promotions on Friday evening (Aug. 11) during a badge pinning ceremony at Burleson Church of Christ.

Nine firefighters earned their badges Friday evening - Cy Conditt, Dakota Hatfield, Brandon Jacobs, Matthew Jefferson, Dennis Koslowsky, Ryan Neighbors, Tanner Singleton, Josh Smith and Matt Stanton - were presented with silver department badges as well as silver collar brass during the ceremony. Family members, a fire captain, and the fire marshal did the honors. Fire department secretary Kristie Menchaca administered the oath of office.

Also, honored Friday night was the department's two newest engineers - Robert Clarkin and Kevin Hunter – along with Jake Hopps and Shane Mobley who were promoted as the department's two newest lieutenants.

Casey Davis, Josh Jacobs, Mike Jones and Jeremiah Lozier were all promoted to captain ranking. These gentlemen will be the first captains in Burleson Fire Department's history and were promoted after a multi-day process that included a written portion, real-life scenarios and a final interview.

Brent Batla, who was promoted to assistant chief in October 2016, also received his badge during this official ceremony. KT Freeman was also presented with the fire chief badge after taking over the department in February 2016.

The nine newest firefighters were hired in December 2016 as a large step in bringing the fire department's staffing levels to four fire personnel per apparatus, per shift. Six of the new positions were made possible via a grant. Burleson fire fighters have to pass a written exam, physical agility exam, polygraph, psychological exam, physical exam, and an extensive background check.

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