



Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue Pins New Firefighters

New Firefighters & Promotion Highlighted During Oct. 10 Ceremony

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 4, 2023-Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) will be hosting a pinning ceremony next week to officially honor the new group of firefighters joining the department and recognize a recent promotion.

Five new firefighters Bryan Berry, Derek Diamond, Michael Hall, Angel Ramirez, and Dillon Sanders will be sworn in during a badge pinning ceremony on October 10. Also being honored during the event is the promotion of Nick Fernandez to Firefighter/Engineer.

The ceremony is the culmination of a six-month training academy for recruits and marks the transition from probationary to sworn firefighter. With this achievement not only comes the badge, but a new helmet representing the recruits' status change.

In his new engineer role, Fernandez will be responsible for maintaining and driving apparatus that transport firefighters, carry equipment, and pump water at fire scenes. A specific department certification to operate firefighting equipment is required, which mandates specific training, experience, and testing on the apparatus.

The pinning ceremony is a long-standing public safety tradition which awards the badge on an individual either upon graduation or promotion. The celebratory event will take place on Tuesday morning, October 10, at 9am in Centennial Hall (124 10th Street).

Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue serves the City of Steamboat Springs and the surrounding Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District by reducing human suffering and property loss, protecting the environment, and promoting life safety through incident response, wildland fire and mitigation services, public education, and fire prevention programs.

The department provides emergency services within the district. Staffed by career firefighters divided into three shifts, which provide emergency coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the combined fire district is approximately 385 square miles including the 10 square miles that make up the city.

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