

VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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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 18week academy. As part of graduation activities, the 53rd 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 53rd 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 <u>NOT</u> open to public).* For more information, contact VCFD PIO at (805) 389-9769 or <u>PIOFire@ventura.org</u>.