



# Lakewood Fire District No. 1

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Subject: Fire Department Welcomes New Firefighters**

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES EIGHT NEW FULL-TIME CAREER FIREFIGHTERS**

The Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners along with Fire Chief Jonathan T. Yahr proudly announces the hiring of eight new full-time firefighters. The new firefighters were officially sworn in at a ceremony held on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Fire Headquarters. This momentous occasion marks the beginning of a new paid fire company for the district, enhancing our capacity to serve and protect the community.

The newly sworn-in firefighters are:

1. Luke P. Hanlon
2. Brett A. Hebrew
3. Louis F. Nazzaro
4. Qua'dry W. Lyons
5. Andrew J. Sanchez
6. John Z. Paitakis
7. Vincent J. Vacchiano
8. Michael J. Muratore

Chief Yahr presided over the ceremony, expressing pride and optimism for the future of the department. "Today is a significant milestone for our fire department and the entire community. The addition of another fire company staffed 24/7, 365 days a year, ensures that we are better equipped to respond to emergencies and safeguard our residents."

The establishment of this new paid fire company is a strategic move to bolster the district's fire and emergency response capabilities, adding to our two existing full-time paid fire companies and our excellent volunteer fire companies. This initiative reflects the ongoing commitment of the

Board of Fire Commissioners to provide the highest level of service and protection to the community.

The ceremony was attended by local officials, family members, community supporters, and fellow firefighters, marking a proud and momentous occasion for all involved.

The Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners is dedicated to addressing the community's vast growth. Their steadfast and unwavering commitment is to address fire service needs while simultaneously maximizing fire protection within the fiscal constraints of the taxpayers. These appointments are a reflection of their commitment.

The recruitment of volunteer firefighters remains ongoing and the Lakewood Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, along with Lakewood Fire Department Fire Chief Jonathan Yahr, continue to seek individuals who have a desire to serve the Lakewood Community. Individuals interested in becoming volunteer firefighters are encouraged to visit the Fire District Website at [www.lakewoodfd.org](http://www.lakewoodfd.org) and submit the requested information expressing their interest through the "Join" link.



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