



# Lakewood Fire District No. 1

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Subject: Fire Department Appointments and Promotions**

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

The Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners along with Fire Chief Jonathan Yahr announce the appointment of career firefighters Neal E. Lelievre; Mark A Johnson, Jr.; William J. Cook, III; Jason F. Martinez; Adrien D. Moore, IV; Jeffrey W. Sowles, Jr.; Michael M. Nakonechny and administering of the Oath of Office to Shawn J. Strubeck who was hired in January and recently completed the Fire Academy. In addition, the Fire Commissioners promoted career fire firefighters Joseph J. Johnson Jr., Jeremy Reyes, Steven W. Seiffert, and Michael A. Errichiello to the rank of Lieutenant and promoted James R. Ecks to the Rank of Captain. These career fire officers have a long standing and dedicated history of distinguished service to the Lakewood Fire Department.

The appointments and promotions were made during a swearing-in ceremony at the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021. The members will assume their new positions effective June 27, 2021.

These additions bring the total number of career firefighters and officers to 32, doubling the 2019 size of 16. In November of 2019, the Board announced plans to double the career department by 2021. These appointments complete those plans. With the doubling of the career department to 32 firefighters, and officers the Board will have two full-time crews consisting of one officer and three firefighters on each crew at all times. One crew will be stationed at the Monmouth Avenue fire station and the other at the Cedar Bridge Avenue fire station, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, complementing the district's outstanding volunteer firefighting force.

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 and promotions 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 the Lakewood Fire Department" link.