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**Subject: Fire Department Appointments & Promotions**

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

It is with pleasure the Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners announce the appointment of volunteer firefighters Yaakov Berezin (Rescue Company No. 2) and Yehoshua Egert (Engine Company No. 1) as well as career firefighters Daniel M. Prodoehl, Gabriel T. Iannarone, Patrick R. Ortiz and Jason M. VanSoest to the Lakewood Fire Department. In addition, the Fire Commissioners promoted career fire officers Jonathan T. Yahr, James R. Ecks, Todd M. Stark and Robert J. Leon Sr. from within the Department. These career fire officers all have a long standing and dedicated history of 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, January 8, 2018. The members will assume their new positions on January 28, 2018.

The Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners continue to address the changing needs of the community and its expanding population and development. They work tirelessly to address fire service needs so as to efficiently and effectively maximize fire protection within the fiscal constraints of the taxpayers. These appointments and promotions are a reflection of their commitment.

The recruitment of volunteer firefighters and fire-police remains ongoing and the Lakewood Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, along with Lakewood Fire Department Fire Chief Mike D'Elia, continue to seek individuals who have a desire to serve the Lakewood Community in one of these capacities. Individuals interested in becoming volunteer firefighters or fire-police are encouraged to visit the Fire District Website at lakewoodfd.org and submit the requested information expressing their interest through the "Join the Lakewood Fire Department" link.

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