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**Gulf Shores Fire and Emergency Service announces Promotional and New Hire Ceremony**

Gulf Shores, Ala – February 13, 2019 –The City of Gulf Shores Department of Fire and Emergency Services will conduct a Swearing-In Ceremony at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 15, at the City of Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, which is located at 260 Clubhouse Drive. The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize the promotion of two employees and welcome newly hired firefighters.

The Department of Gulf Shores Fire and Emergency Services promoted Melvin Shepard from the rank of Lieutenant to Battalion Chief and Joethan Phillips from the rank of FireMedic to Lieutenant. Newly hired firefighters are as follows: Bryan Bossard, Cody Campbell, Bryan Hamlin, Jonathan Jones, Wesley Keith, Peter Kreamer, David Eckman and Austin Lesinger.

The Department of Gulf Shores Fire and Emergency Service received a grant which was created to provide funding directly to fire departments to assist with increasing or maintaining the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant is to enhance the local fire department's ability to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

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