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**FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES TWO PERSONNEL;
GRADUATES RECRUIT CLASS**

Six join department as firefighters

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – In a ceremony held Friday, December 9, the Forsyth County Fire Department promoted two personnel and graduated its six-member recruit class. Family, friends and Fire Department staff attended the ceremony, which was held in the new banquet room in the recently opened expansion at the Central Park Recreation Center.

In the promotional portion of the ceremony, Ed Siggelkow was formally promoted to the rank of captain. Siggelkow joined the department in 2006 and now serves as the department's deputy fire marshal. Robert Styles was formally promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Styles joined the department in 2001 and currently works at Fire Station 2 in south Forsyth County.

“We could not be more proud of these two individuals and the outstanding service they provide to Forsyth County,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said.

In the graduation portion of the ceremony, six recruits were officially welcomed as Forsyth County firefighters. Those new firefighters are: Michael Cochran; Brian Kozikowski; Jonathan Lent; Kevin Maceri; David Marden; and Stephen Tabaka.

The recruits completed 12 weeks of rigorous training and education in structural and wildland firefighting; emergency medical response; motor vehicle firefighting and victim extrication; water rescue; and fire service history, traditions and etiquette.

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“Adding these six firefighters to our department increases safety not only for the public but also for the firefighters, as it helps fill vacancies, improving our staffing levels,” Captain Brian Wilson of the Fire Department’s Training Division said. “These new recruits are now ready to begin serving Forsyth County, having successfully completed very thorough and extensive training.”

The six new firefighters are the only recruit class the Fire Department has had this year. The department has a total of 126 field suppression personnel.

“We are certainly pleased to add these firefighters to our department, and we recognize and appreciate the support of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of this county for making this possible,” Bowman said. “The Forsyth County Fire Department takes a great amount of pride in serving our residents and businesses. These new firefighters will be a tremendous asset to this county.”

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