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**FORSYTH COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES FOUR**

*Three promoted to rank of division chief, one to lieutenant*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – In a ceremony held Friday, August 10, the Forsyth County Fire Department promoted four personnel. Family, friends and Fire Department staff attended the ceremony, which was held at the Forsyth County Public Safety Complex.

During the ceremony, three personnel were promoted to the rank of division chief and one to the rank of lieutenant. The three division chief positions are newly created positions, established as part of a re-organization within the Fire Department. All three of these positions report directly to the chief of department.

Brenda Green was formally promoted to the rank of division chief, fire administration. Green joined the department in January 1995, serving most recently as administrative assistant, senior. As division chief, fire administration, Green will be responsible for day-to-day operations of Fire Headquarters and Fire Administration; monitoring the department's budget; and supervision of administrative staff.

Captain Jason Shivers was formally promoted to the rank of division chief, technical services. Shivers joined the department in March 1998, serving most recently as inspector general. As division chief, technical services, Shivers will oversee the department's Training, Emergency Medical Services and Motor Maintenance subdivisions; serve as the department spokesman; and be responsible for quality control, customer service and fire apparatus specifications.

The department's fire marshal, Kevin Wallace, was transferred to the position of division chief, field operations. Wallace joined the department in April 1997, serving most

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recently as division chief, Fire Marshal's Office. As division chief, field operations, Wallace will be responsible for daily field-level and suppression functions to include supervision of the department's six battalion chiefs.

"These individuals are filling key positions within the department which have been created as a part of the department-wide plan of improvement," Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. "I could not be more proud of these three troops and the important roles they have played in the department to date, and the important roles they will no doubt play in the department's future."

Firefighter II Keith Pertschi was formally promoted to the rank of lieutenant during the ceremony. Pertschi joined the department in March 2004 and is currently stationed at Fire Station 4. As a lieutenant, Pertschi will assume a leadership role at his fire station, managing an engine company and the firefighters on his shift.

"The leadership demonstrated by these members of the Fire Department is to be commended," Bowman said. "It is with great pride that we promote them to their new ranks within the department."

### About the Forsyth County Fire Department



The Forsyth County Fire Department began in 1972 as the Forsyth County Fire Protection Committee, created in response to a residential fire claiming the life of a county resident. In 1973, a volunteer fire department was incorporated, led by Fire Chief John C. "Jake" Moore. The International Association of Fire Chiefs published in 1983 that Forsyth County, Georgia, with 336 volunteer firefighters on the roles, was the nation's largest volunteer fire department. That volunteer department served the county until 1998, when the time came for a modern fire department and the hiring of 30 full-time, professional firefighters.

Since those first 30 professional firefighters joined the county, the Fire Department has grown tremendously and today includes 126 full-time field suppression firefighter positions in addition to shift workers and a variety of support and administrative personnel. This fall, the department commemorates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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