

CHARLESTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Charleston Fire Department Recruit Graduation

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Charleston, SC (December 18, 2014): The Charleston Fire Department is proud to announce the graduation of recruit class 14-02. The community is invited to attend and welcome the sixteen newest members of the department. The graduation ceremony will be held at the Burke High School auditorium this Friday, December 19th, 2014, at 10:00 AM. Special guest speaker is Chief Trey Atkinson with the Dorchester County Fire Department.

“The 26 week recruit program is one of the most important programs that our fire department conducts,” said Pat Wilson, Deputy Chief of Planning and Professional Development. “The Charleston Fire Department is instilling fire ground survival skills in the recruit firefighters to ensure they possess the necessary techniques to serve the public as well as survive in a hazardous occupation. We are proud of the dedicated work by the recruits, their instructors, and the support displayed by the entire department.”

The recruits will graduate as certified level 2 firefighters, accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAAC), including the courses listed below.

Media note: The media is welcome to attend the graduation event. We request that you arrive and setup at the rear of the auditorium no later than 09:45 AM.

Recruit Class 14-02	
Recruit Name	Hometown
Jason Anderson	Columbus, WI
Robert Bechtel	St. Louis, MO
Michael Bishop	Orrville, OH
Jason Blackburn	Brazil, IN
Andrew Creighton	Damascus, MD
Adam Davis	South Bend, IN
William Kovalczyk	Grayson, GA
Joe Lenihan	East Quogue, NY
Daniel Melie	Clinton, NY
Sean Nolan	Haverhill, MA
Ranoslav Petrovski	Murrieta, CA
Jake Platts	Anderson, SC
Parker Shanks	Dayton, OH
Edwin Snell	Snellville, GA
Lucas Stokes	Sitka, AK
Matthew Wilson	James Island, SC

Classes completed during the 26 week academy	
NIMS ICS for the Fire Service	Fundamentals of Firefighting
Hazardous Materials Awareness	Firefighter 1
Hazardous Materials Operations	Firefighter 2
Building Construction: Combustible	Flammable Liquids/Gas Firefighting
Building Construction: Noncombustible	Rescuing the Rescuer
Courage to be Safe	Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC)
Crew Resource Management	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training
Basic Auto Extrication	Emergency Medical Technician

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