

Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services graduated class of Paramedics

Fayette County, Georgia, March 3, 2020 – The Fayette County Department of Fire and Emergency Services recently graduated the latest class of Paramedics. The program, a collaborative effort between the Department and Faithful Guardian Training Center, has been a three-year process meant to bolster the County’s Paramedic numbers. The program allowed for students to attend classes off-shift at the Department’s training center at no cost to the employee. A competitive process is undertaken to award the slots available each year in the three-year cycle.

Fayette County Manager, Steve Rapson, says “Our Fire Department now provides all levels of training from entry level, firefighter & AEMT, to becoming a Paramedic. This critical training program has now yielded nine Paramedics from our existing Firefighters and reflects a progressive response to a challenging retention position.

Fire Chief David Scarbrough is “Proud of the sacrifice and dedication that each of these members demonstrated during the 18-month course. It is a testament to the quality of our membership and their dedication to public safety, their community, and to lifelong learning”.

The course consisted of 420 hours of classroom and laboratory instruction, and over 350 hours of field internship, culminating in a national certification test.

This class is the second of three classes to graduate with the third class scheduled to end in the coming months. Upon completion, the program will add more depth and capability to the Department’s EMS function.

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