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Lompoc Fire Department Promotes Four, Hires New Firefighter *Firefighters recognized at badge-pinning ceremony Friday*

LOMPOC, CA, July 28, 2017 – The Lompoc City Fire Department is pleased to announce the promotions of four firefighters to engineers, and the hiring of a new firefighter.

The promoted firefighters and new firefighter were recognized Friday afternoon during a badge-pinning ceremony at Lompoc Fire Station 1. The ceremony was attended by members of the Lompoc Fire Department, city officials, and family of the firefighters.

Firefighters promoted from firefighter to engineer include: David Boeken (hired by Lompoc Fire 3/25/13), Kevin Crowell (7/2/12), Louis Farah, Jr. (3/25/13), and Christopher Martinez, (3/2/15). Martinez couldn't be present at Friday's ceremony because he was assigned to a brush fire out of the area, so a mannequin was jokingly put in his place wearing his firefighting jacket.

The firefighters promoted to engineer underwent an extensive qualifying and testing process, including a written exam, physical tests and an oral review board.

The newly hired firefighter is Spencer Dicks, who graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2014 and the Allan Hancock College Fire Academy in 2015. Dicks worked as a seasonal firefighter in Marin County before joining the Lompoc Fire Department.

Lompoc Acting Fire Chief Mark Bray praised those recognized.

“Our newly promoted and hired Lompoc firefighters are hard-working, dedicated public servants and will be a tremendous asset to our community in their new roles,” he said.

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