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Subject : Humboldt Bay Fire Badge Pinning Ceremony

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Humboldt Bay Fire would like to invite friends, family, our community, and local news media to join us in recognizing several of our members for recent promotions. We will also be recognizing our three newest firefighters as they begin their careers with HBF. The ceremony will take place Friday March 25th 2016 at 3:30 pm at Fire Station 1 located at 533 C St., Eureka.

Recognition of recent promotions culminates a challenging and competitive testing process for those being recognized. Each have met the challenge of not only the testing process but also the challenge of increasing their responsibility within our organization leading us into the future. Those being recognized for recent promotion are: Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Reynolds, Fire Captain Chris Mitchell, Fire Captain Nathan Baxley, Fire Captain Michael Landry, Fire Captain Tony Freeman, Fire Captain Russell Boham, Fire Engineer Brett Christensen, and Fire Engineer Kris Kalman.

We will also be swearing in our three newest recruit Firefighters upon their graduation from their department training academy and transition to shift. Being sworn in are Firefighter Adam Bumgardner, Firefighter Michael Tyson, and Firefighter Kameron Waters.

Also being recognized are three of HBF's newest Paramedics. These personnel are existing personnel who undertook the rigorous and challenging training required to become a licensed Paramedic able to perform advanced life support on emergency medical service calls. Doing so shows their dedication to

providing the highest level of service possible to the community they are sworn to protect. Being recognized for earing their Paramedic are Engineer/Paramedic Colin Beddow, Firefighter/Paramedic Don Penn, and Firefighter Paramedic Chris Alexander.

“Each person being recognized today has shown their willingness to go the extra mile to better themselves and the department in the service they can provide,” said Fire Chief Bill Gillespie. “Ours is a culture of service and we take great pride in introducing our newest personnel and those advancing in rank to our community.”

Following the ceremony will be refreshments and the opportunity to meet and chat with your Firefighters. We hope to see you all there.

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