



Johnson County Fire Protection District

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Fire District Adds Full Time Firefighting Personnel

WARRENSBURG, MO – The Johnson County Fire Protection District is proud to announce the fulfillment of a campaign promise made to the citizens of the District in April 2018. At that time the District requested a tax levy increase to be used to support many aspects of the day to day operations including the addition of some full time fire fighting staff. The full time personnel will be available during the daytime hours each weekday (typically the hours of lowest volunteer availability) to supplement the volunteer staff throughout the District. In addition to responding to emergency calls throughout the District the staff members will assist with non-emergency calls for service, public relations events, training, pre-fire planning and other related functions.

The full time fire fighting staff members being added are Joshua Teaney, Captain; Donovan Brickey, Kole Snelling, and Zach Toole Fire Fighters. Teaney has served as a volunteer with the District since 2011 and has most recently served as Lieutenant in the District's Training and Safety Division. Brickey served one and a half years with the Point Lookout Fire Department and just over three years with the Western Taney County Fire Protection District before coming to the District. Snelling is a current volunteer member of the District and holds several State certifications including Fire Fighter I and II. Toole has served with the District as a volunteer since 2016 and holds several certificates related to the fire service including Vehicle Rescue: Technician and School Bus Rescue. These staff members will assume their new posts on Monday, April 1 and will participate in the District's in-house orientation and training academy.

The District is a tax supported political subdivision providing fire suppression, rescue and fire prevention services to approximately the eastern two-thirds of Johnson County excluding the cities of Knob Noster and Warrensburg. The District operates from eleven stations located throughout the approximate 525 square mile service area.