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Paulding County Fire & Rescue Promotes New Officers

Dallas, Georgia – May 4, 2021 – Paulding County Fire & Rescue announces the promotion of two long-time Department employees to the office of Captain, and six more to Lieutenant within the Fire Operations Division.

Newly named officers will assume their new leadership roles effective on May 15, 2021. They include: Captains Rob Boatman & Brandon Maple, and *Lieutenants Josh Collier, Michael Cooper, Bruce Jones, Jerre Ledbetter, Will Riner, and Mark Waits*. *Combined, these officers have more than 150 years of Fire Suppression/EMS experience.*

In this capacity they will supervise personnel during their 24-hour shifts, oversee 911 emergency responses, command tactical units and activities during structure fires and complex rescue operations, and manage important non-emergency activities such as pre-incident planning. They will be assigned to some of Paulding County's largest and busiest stations.

Joey Pelfrey, PCFD's Fire Chief and Emergency Management Agency Director, commented, "The Fire Department is privileged to be able to serve all of our citizens and we work hard to keep pace with the needs of the entire County. I am thrilled to announce these fine men will continue serving our Department and the Citizens of Paulding in their expanded roles. We are fortunate to have them as leaders and mentors during day-to-day fire department activities. They all bring significant expertise to the job which guarantees our community receives world-class service while being vigilant to protect the safety of the Firefighters who will work under them."

"Our Department has grown exponentially over the last several years so it is gratifying to be able to cultivate quality leaders from within. Each of them exemplifies important characteristics we look for including outstanding job experience, integrity, loyalty, charisma and patience. PCFD is extremely lucky to have such high-quality employees in our midst. Our goal is to exceed the standards of service established by larger and more established counties that surround us. With personnel like this, we are very well poised for that kind of success on behalf of our citizens."

ABOUT PAULDING COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE: Founded in 1980, the department provides fire protection, suppression, rescue, and emergency services and employs 185 paid professional personnel. In calendar-year 2020 the department responded to 16,594 calls through the 911 system for fire and emergency medical service. Paulding County is 313 square miles in size with a population of ~150,000 and is situated approximately 30 miles Northwest of Atlanta. Further information is available at:

<http://www.paulding.gov/index.aspx?nid=70>

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