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Paulding County Fire & Rescue Promotes New Officers

Hiram, Georgia – April 13th, 2017 –Paulding County Fire & Rescue announces the promotion of four long-time Department employees to the office of Lieutenant, and four more to Sergeant, within the Fire Operations Division.

Newly named officers will assume their new leadership roles effective on May 6, 2017. They include: *Lieutenants Mike Lewis, Mark Morgan, David Parson, and Tim Wilson*, who in total have 98 years of Fire Suppression/EMS experience; and, Sergeants *Jeff McKenzie, Dennis O’Keefe, Lee Poole, and Jon Wells*, with another 60 years of combined 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, “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.”

“This 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. Although we are not a large Department, 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 160 paid professional personnel. In calendar-year 2016 the department responded to 14,528 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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