



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MEDIA ADVISORY

CON FIRE TO GRADUATE FIRE RECRUIT ACADEMY 54; ADD 22 PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTERS TO DISTRICT'S RANKS

New Firefighters to Support Four-Person Crew Initiative on District's Busiest Firetrucks

WHEN: Thursday, February 13, 2019 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Leshner Center for the Arts, Hofmann Theatre, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

WHAT: After 19 weeks of intense instruction, Con Fire will graduate Firefighter Academy 54, adding 22 firefighters to the District's ranks. The event will include a badging ceremony and swearing-in for the new firefighters who will join fire companies across the District next week.

The new firefighters will, among other assignments, support Con Fire's four-person truck company crew initiative, which increases staffing and capability on the District's busiest trucks.

Newly "pinned" firefighters will be available, along with District leadership, after the event for one-on-one opportunities.

Events will include presentation of the colors, bagpipes, a recruit address, fire chief's address, and a moving and visual "ring out" ceremony.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Media parking available in adjacent Leshner Center for the Arts parking structure. Media should enter the Hofmann Theatre house right orchestra level doors.

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About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) -- A recognized fire service leader -- Con Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across its 304 square-mile District area, and through mutual aid, in and around the 20 cities and unincorporated communities of Contra Costa County, California. With few exceptions, county emergency ambulance transport services are provided by Con Fire through its unique sub-contractor Alliance model. In 2018, the District responded to nearly 75,000 fire and EMS emergencies and dispatched some 95,000 ambulances, providing expert medical care on more than 74,000 ambulance transports. The District, with 26 fire stations and more than 400 employees, is dedicated to preserving life, property and the environment.

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