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**Twelve Firefighters Begin Recruit Academy Training**

North Bend—Captain Daniel J. Atchison announced the start of Class 2018-04 Weekend Firefighter Recruit Academy at the Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend, Washington.

On May 3, 2018, twelve firefighter recruits started a 12-weekend Recruit Academy that meets National Fire Protection Association 1001 and 472 Standards for Firefighter Professional Qualifications at the Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Levels. The recruits will learn fire service principles through classroom instruction and rigorous, hands-on, live-fire training.

The following fire departments and districts are represented in this Recruit Academy class:

- Brinnon Fire Department: David Sutton
- Quilcene Fire Rescue: Jacob Ellis
Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue
Jennifer Sargeant

King County Fire District #20
Mitchell Erickson
Devion Hagen
Gracen Hurst
Jon-Henry Kubej
Justin Madden
David Mitchell
Michael Bashaw

Snohomish County Fire District #5
Noah Fleming
Joel Williamson

*Company Officers
Snohomish County Fire District #5
Firefighter Ricki Creger-Zier
Firefighter Cameron DeSalvo
Firefighter Brandon Huber

For more information on the Fire Training Academy, please contact the Academy at (425) 453-3000.

The State Fire Marshal’s Office is a Bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State including inspections of state licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State’s firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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