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Four Local Residents Join City of Newburgh Fire Department

Four City of Newburgh residents have joined the ranks of Newburgh's Bravest. Jason Blackwell, Dany Camacho, Jonathan Pomerantz, and Conor Schultz reported for duty Sept. 7. The new firefighters, now in the Fire Academy, were selected from more than 125 applicants.

For this group, being a Newburgh firefighter is much more than a childhood dream. "I want to be a part of the City- a little cog," said Blackwell. Pomerantz added, "It's about taking care of your own back yard." Schultz and Camacho agreed, "It's a good job." Being a positive role model for kids is also important, they agreed.

"Not only do these new fire fighters reflect the diversity of the City of Newburgh, they are the best of the best," said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane. "In addition to written and oral exams, each passed a rigorous physical agility test. Each candidate brings unique skills and qualifications to the position."



(l-r) Assistant Chief Robert Bain, Jr, Jason Blackwell, Dany Camacho, Jonathan Pomerantz,, Conor Schultz, and Deputy Chief Glen Burrell.

"I am very proud that our personnel can communicate with and relate to all segments of the community," said Fire Chief James Merritt, noting that the department is now at full complement.

William Haight, retired Newburgh Fire Department Assistant Chief, and former owner of Haight Fire Equipment Supply, stopped to wish the new guys well. “This is probably the best job you’ll ever have for the rest of your lives,” he said.