



BURLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: November 15, 2018

Contact:

Jay Smith, Fire Chief

jsmith@BurlingtonNC.gov

(c) 336.229.3564

Burlington Fire Department Graduates 103rd Recruit Class

Burlington, NC – The Burlington Fire Department is proud to announce that it will graduate its 103rd Recruit Academy Class on Friday, November 16th, 2018, at 3:00pm in a ceremony at the Lake Mackintosh Marina Clubhouse located at 2704 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington. After 12 weeks of intensive training, testing, and evaluation, 9 highly qualified recruits will be recognized as they begin their careers serving and protecting the citizens of Burlington.

The recruits began their training with the Burlington Fire Department on August 27th, and for the past several weeks have completed rigorous training in topics such as fire ground operations, ladder evolutions, hose lays, auto extrication, rescue systems, firefighting, truck company operations, hazardous materials response operations and ventilation practices. In addition, all of the Burlington graduates are certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

This graduating recruit class comes to Burlington from a variety of places and backgrounds; however they all come with a common bond and determination to meet the challenges associated with a career in the fire service serving Burlington. Some of the recruits will begin their 24-hour shifts on Saturday, November 17th, the day following the graduation, while others will report to their respective duty stations on Sunday, November 18th, and Monday, November 19th.

In addition to the nine Burlington Fire personnel graduating from this training academy, one Firefighter from the Town of Carrboro joined them in their journey to become professional firefighters. This was through a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Town, which provided the opportunity for the two municipalities to work together towards the training of their public safety personnel.

Our Mission:

“The mission of Burlington Fire Department is to minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other disasters. Through prevention, education, emergency response, and medical services we will provide a product deemed excellent by our customers - the citizens of Burlington.”

Burlington Fire Department • 215 South Church Street, Burlington, NC 27215
www.BurlingtonNC.gov/fire • [www.Facebook.com/BurlingtonFireNC](https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonFireNC) • Twitter @BurlingtonFDNC