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San Diego Fire-Rescue to Graduate 83rd Academy Class

THIRTY THREE RECRUITS WILL BECOME FIREFIGHTERS

San Diego – On Thursday, June 15, 2017 the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department will celebrate the graduation of the 83rd Basic Fire Academy. Thirty three recruits successfully completed the rigorous, sixteen-week academy. They will now spend the next year as probationary firefighters, continuing their training while on the job.

“We are excited to welcome the next generation of firefighters,” said Chief Brian Fennessy. “As one of the finest departments in the nation we have a lot to offer them and we look forward to their service to the San Diego community.”

WHAT: 83rd Basic Fire Academy Graduation

WHO: Brian Fennessy, San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief

WHEN: Thursday, June 15, 2017, 6 p.m.

WHERE: The Rock Church
 2277 Rosecrans St.
 San Diego, CA 92106

VISUALS: Graduation ceremony, recruits and their families
Contact Mónica to set up interviews with the three recruits listed below.

Interview opportunities before the ceremony:

Garrett Bruhn – is a San Diego native who graduated from Point Loma High and Cal State San Marcos. His degree is in kinesiology with an emphasis in physical therapy and he recently attained his paramedic

license. Garrett was a reserve firefighter for Mount Laguna and Lakeside Fire Departments prior to applying with our department.

Helen Nicole Sylvia – is also a San Diego native who graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz with a degree in environmental studies and art. She has experience in wilderness medicine and was a backpacking guide and surf instructor at UC Santa Cruz. She has been a lifeguard for the City of Imperial Beach since 2008.

Jason Hascall – grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. His father was a firefighter/paramedic and served as the inspiration for Jason’s lifelong dream to become a firefighter. Jason is a single father of four who became a real estate broker when he relocated to San Diego in 1996. For the past three years he has been working as a paramedic.

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