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Mayor Gary McCarthy Announces Schenectady Fire Department's Newest Lieutenants

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced the promotions of the following firefighters to Fire Lieutenant:

Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Dercole: FF/P Dercole has been a member of the Department since 2003. He is a New York State Certified Hazardous Materials Specialist, and a member of the Schenectady County HazMat Team. FF/P Dercole has attended Federal HazMat schools, including WMD Radiological/Nuclear Course for HazMat, HazMat Technician for Chemical, Ordinance, Biological, and Radiological, and Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings. He is also the recipient of the Schenectady Fire Department Medal of Merit for his involvement in locating and rescuing two children in a fire, and was also recognized as the Schenectady County Paramedic of the Year.

Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Klouse: FF/P Klouse has been a member of the department since 2005. He is a New York State Certified Hazardous Materials Specialist, and a member of the Schenectady County HazMat Team. FF/P Klouse has undergone Tactical Medic training. FF/P Klouse earned an Associate's degree from Schenectady County Community College in Fire Science. He is a US Army veteran, and was deployed to Iraq while serving. FF/P Klouse was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and was honorably discharged from the US Army in 2006.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Matson: FF/P Matson has been a member of the Department since 2003. He is a New York State Certified Hazardous Materials Specialist, and a member of the Schenectady County HazMat Team. FF/P Matson is also a member of the New York State Urban/Technical Search and Rescue Team. He is currently attending Schenectady County Community College, working towards a degree in Fire Science. FF/P Matson has attended numerous courses on his own, and holds instructor certifications in: Incident Response to Bombings, Radiological Awareness, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Basic Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Basic Disaster Life Support, and Advanced Disaster Life Support. He is also a Paramedic skills evaluator and a Paramedic lab instructor.

Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin Yauchler: FF/P Yauchler has been a member of the Department since 2005. He is a New York State Certified Hazardous Materials Technician. He has a background as a self-employed General Contractor, with a strong knowledge of building trades. FF/P Yauchler earned two Associate's Degrees from Schenectady County Community College, one in Fire Prevention Technologies, and the second in Business Administration.