



# **City of Madison Fire Department**

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## ***News Release***

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### **Firefighter Recruits Graduate From Academy**

The City of Madison Fire Department Firefighter Recruit Group 29 will graduate from the Department's fire academy today at 2 p.m. Commencement for the 13 firefighter recruits will take place at Monona Terrace, 1 John Nolen Drive.

This 20-week training academy, under the direction of the department's Fire Training Division, is designed to prepare the recruits for the mental and physical demands required of a firefighter/EMT with the City of Madison Fire Department.

With an increased emphasis on safety and health, the training includes academic and hands-on instruction in firefighting skills, rescue techniques, emergency medical care, hazardous materials response, fire prevention methods, and fire apparatus driving and operations.

When the newest members of the department leave the academy, they are assigned to a fire station. The crew at the station will oversee the recruit's continuing training and education on the job, insuring that they safely learn how to apply the education and techniques they learned in the academy.

The members of Recruit Group 29 include:

Aaron T. Babcock  
Daniel J. Barnard  
Paul M. Britain  
Wesley A. Buchholz  
Cole M. Christenson  
Jeffrey M. Clapero  
Melinda S. Dessert  
Mark W. Miller  
Lance L. Radock  
Jarad A. Schmitt  
Louis V. Soto  
Bryan J. Steel  
Nicolas C. Zimpel

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