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MAYOR BOLLWAGE SWEARS IN 17 NEW FIREFIGHTERS

ELIZABETH, NJ— June 6, 2019— In a ceremony earlier this morning, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, Councilman-at-Large Manny Grova, Jr., Councilman Carlos Torres, Councilman Kevin Kiniery, Councilman Frank Mazza, along with City and Fire Officials, welcomed 17 new firefighters at a ceremony in City Hall Council Chambers.

“Public safety is a top priority as we work together to ensure the City of Elizabeth is as safe as possible for residents and businesses,” said Mayor Bollwage. “All of the recruits have demonstrated an impressive level of commitment, ability and dedication to learning during the last five months of training. I extend my best wishes and Godspeed within the Elizabeth Fire Department.”

Several new recruits are also bilingual, increasing the ability to interact and communicate with the diverse communities located throughout the municipality. New recruits include: Bao Ngu, Timothy Roth, Ryan Dougherty, Sean Norton, Scott Lessing, Kenneth Castanon, Michael Cortico, John Duffy, Kevin Marques, Joseph Gramiak, Jose Conego, Jason Manes, Ryan Walsh, Ronald Salerno, Leandro Cardoso Miguel Rivera and Christopher Whyte.

“Today these men will join the ranks of the Elizabeth Fire Department. Nothing will be routine anymore and they must always be prepared,” said Chief Thomas McNamara. “This is the beginning of an important and rewarding career, one of responsibility, dedication and sacrifice. Congratulations and good luck to all recruits.”

The City of Elizabeth is the fourth largest municipality in the State of New Jersey with a population of approximately 125,000 residents. With its close proximity to the entire tri-state area, the Elizabeth Fire Department responds to an array of calls, incidents and emergency issues. Additional recruits will reinforce and increase overall assistance to residents.