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## Klein Fire Department Celebrates Growth

Badge Pinning for New Full-Time Captains, Drivers and Firefighters

(Klein, TX. May 30, 2025) Harris County Emergency Services District 16, Klein Fire Department ("HCESD 16" or "KFD") recently hosted a special badge pinning ceremony, marking a significant moment of growth for the Department and dedication within our ranks. This special occasion honored both newly appointed full-time members and those promoted to the esteemed positions of Captain and Driver/Operator. Their commitment to serving the Klein community with courage and professionalism is without question.

The ceremony, a time-honored tradition in the fire service, brought together families, friends, and fellow department members to witness this pivotal milestone. Each new full-time firefighter received their official KFD badge, symbolizing their entry into a challenging and rewarding career dedicated to public safety. These individuals have undergone rigorous training and demonstrated the essential skills and unwavering commitment required to protect lives and property.

Adding to the celebration, a few experienced members were formally recognized as being promoted to Captain and Driver/Operator, respectively. This advancement signifies not only their years of dedicated service and expertise but also their readiness to take on increased leadership responsibilities within the department. They will play a crucial role in guiding their crews, overseeing operations, and ensuring the highest standards of readiness and response.

The badge pinning ceremony serves as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices and dedication inherent in the fire service. For the Klein Fire Department, it was a moment to celebrate the strength of our team, recognizing both the fresh energy of new recruits and the proven leadership that will continue to propel the Department forward in our mission to "protect and serve the Klein community by minimizing the loss of life and property from fire, medical, or other emergencies". The Klein community can rest assured that their Klein Fire Department continues to grow stronger, with these dedicated individuals ready to answer the call.

Congratulations -

Captains: Marc Arnaud, Marco Bergamini, John Lamb

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**Driver Operators: George Cruz, Terry Ewing** 

Firefighters: Johnathan Davis, Hernán Gonzalez, Logan Henson, Kyle Key, Jacob Perez, Aaron Rebando, James Tabb

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## About Harris County Emergency Services District No. 16, Klein Fire Department

Since 1951, the Klein Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) has provided fire suppression, first responder EMS, and related services within the Klein community's 49-square mile service area in northern Harris County. In September 2022, Harris County Emergency Services District 16 ("HCESD 16" or the "District") assumed direct responsibility for those services and now operates as the Klein Fire Department ("KFD"), providing fire and rescue services for the citizens who reside in and pass through HCESD 16.

HCESD 16 is a government entity and a political subdivision of the State of Texas, organized as provided by State Law to protect life and health. The five-member District Board of Commissioners are elected by the voters of the ESD 16 service area and is subject to various state laws, rules, and regulations.