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Fire Department Promotes Eight

Plantation, FL: April 20, 2010: Eight members of the Plantation Fire Department were promoted, in front of friends and family, during the Fire Association meeting on April 20th, fire chief Joe Harris announced today.

Evelyn Gabor, Marc Mize, Janelle Keyser, and Karen Katz were promoted to the rank of paramedic. All four were serving as EMTs within the department's Rescue Division. They began their careers with the department as volunteer firefighters.

Summer Stewart, Kevin Hernandez, Jennifer Bostwick, and Miranda Downs were hired as full time EMTs. The four were previous working, part time, as Will Call paramedics within the rescue Division.

Stewart, Hernandez and Downs also started their careers as volunteer firefighters with Plantation.

Each member was presented with a badge representing their new rank.

The Will Call position paramedic position is a joint effort between the Fire and Human resources departments, to help reduce overtime costs. The State certified paramedics work one shift each week and fill in open slots in the schedule.

"It helps in two ways," says Harris. It significantly reduces our overtime costs and gives us a chance to see how they fit with the organization, before we have to make a commitment. It's a win-win."

The department plans to hire four more will call positions to fill the vacancies created by the promotions.

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Climbing ladders: Eight members of the Plantation Fire Department (l to r, PM Marc Mize, EMT Kevin Hernandez, PM Evelyn Gabor, PM Janelle Keyser, PM Karen Katz, EMT Summer Stewart, EMT Miranda Downs, and EMT Jennifer Bostwick) were promoted during a ceremony on April 20th.

Four EMTs were promoted to paramedic positions, and four will call paramedics were promoted to full time EMT positions.

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