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## **STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING CEREMONY *PROMOTIONS INCLUDE CAPTAIN AND FIVE FIREFIGHTER ENGINEERS***

(Stockton, CA) - A badge pinning ceremony for six members of the Stockton Fire Department will take place for the promotion of Captain Jeremey Bishop and five Firefighter Engineers on Thursday, January 21, 2016, immediately following the Civil Service Commission meeting at approximately 3:30p. The ceremony will be held at the Firefighter Memorial statue in McLeod Lake Park, across from City Hall, at the southwest corner of Center and Fremont Streets. It is open to family, friends, employees and the public.

Captain Bishop's scheduled promotion is from the position of Firefighter Engineer. Captain Bishop has been with the Stockton Fire Department for over 18 years and is primarily assigned to Company 12 covering the southeast area of Stockton.

A Captain is the commander of the crew at an incident where there is a call for service. The daily responsibilities of a Captain include managing activities for the Fire Company including, in-service training for Firefighters and Firefighter Engineers, engine responses to fires and emergency medical calls, hydrant inspections, practice fire drills for schools, and the general operation of the fire house.

The selection and appointment of the five Firefighter Engineers will be announced

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during the Civil Service Commission meeting, which begins at 3:00p. Candidates for the position of Firefighter Engineer are Firefighters who have been with the department a minimum of 3.5 years and have applied for and passed the test for the position. Those selected have received top scores on exams involving calculations and techniques related hydraulics, technical aspects of equipment and apparatus, and ladder placement. The role of a Firefighter Engineer is deployment and calculation for volume, pressure and flow of water hoses or other flame suppression chemicals, driving the Fire Engines or Trucks, and review and maintenance of all equipment and apparatus.

Of the 180 members of the Stockton Fire Department 55 hold the rank of Captain and 54 are Firefighter Engineers.

“We are extremely proud of these individuals,” said Chief Erik Newman. “These are significant accomplishments, demonstrating a high-caliber of knowledge, ability and professionalism that is recognized nationwide. We want to celebrate with the pinning ceremony and publically acknowledge their achievements.”

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