



# Van Buren Charter Township

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February 5, 2013

### **Board of Trustees recognize VBT Fire Department personnel**

At its regular Board of Trustees meeting on February 5, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees recognized several members of its Fire Department.

In addition to acknowledging its four new firefighters:



- **Tim Craiger**
- **Nolan Kennedy**
- **Dallas Oleszkowicz**
- **Mike Vlademar**

Service Awards for 2012 Paid On Call Responses were awarded to:



- **John Hayden, 78 responses**
- **David Brouillette, 77 responses**
- **Bruce VanGemert, 76 responses**
- **Mike Shores, 75 responses**

Additionally, the new Lieutenants are filling positions that were vacated by attrition or promotion to Captain, Battalion Chief, or Fire Chief. In addition to up to 11 years' experience with Van Buren Township, these individuals also possess various degrees of training including as a certified CPR trainer, grant writer, fundraiser, health and fitness trainer, and in service on the dive team search and rescue.

**Fire Chief Besson** shared, "This interview process was a well-rounded comprehensive evaluation conducted with a written test, oral board and resume, and a presentation on fire-related topics. Three external fire chiefs from both Washtenaw and Western Wayne Counties conducted the interviews alongside two internal staff persons on the panel."

He continued, "Based on the experience and duties these qualified individuals possess, I am honored to promote them to position of Fire Department Lieutenant."

The following staff applied, tested, and qualified for promotion to Lieutenant in rank order:



- Ryan McCormick, L1
- Mike Shores, L2
- Bruce VanGemert, L3
- John Henderson, L4
- Curtis Lunsford, L5
- Charles Dewitt, L6

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