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FIRE CHIEF PROMOTES FOUR SAN RAFAEL FIREFIGHTERS TO FIRE CAPTAIN

San Rafael, CA - July 1, 2010 - With pride and a strong sense of duty, San Rafael Fire Chief Christopher Gray promoted four members of the San Rafael Fire Department during a Badge Pinning and Swearing-In Ceremony conducted today at the San Rafael Fire Station 1, 1039 C St., San Rafael, CA. A large gathering of family, friend's co-workers and officials were on hand to support these four new Fire Officers (photo attached).

Fire Engineer Jeffrey Conover, a 24-year veteran with the City of San Rafael, will be assigned as the Fire Captain on Engine/Truck 57-A commencing July 2, 2010. Captain Conover was certified as a Paramedic in 1998 and has a BA in Arts/Communications. He serves as a Shop Steward for the SRFA, an Instructor for CERT, a member of the SRFD Fire Investigations, Peer Counselor for Critical Incident Stress Management, training for the Fire Academy and more. Jeff is married, has three grown children, and grandchildren.

"To support the efforts of the department in meeting the needs of our community."

Fire Engineer/Paramedic Jason Hatfield, an eight-year veteran with the City of San Rafael, is assigned as the Fire Captain/Paramedic on Engine/Truck 57-C starting today. Captain Hatfield was certified as a Paramedic in 2002 and has a BA in Biological Sciences. He is actively involved with many charities including Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake, Fill-the-Boot drive, Santa Cop program, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through Team in Training. Jason is married and has a son and a daughter. *"Treating others with respect, making sound decisions and being open minded."*

Fire Engineer/Paramedic Andy Rogerson, a 14-year veteran with the City of San Rafael, will be assigned as the Fire Captain/Paramedic on Engine 51-A commencing July 2, 2010. Captain Rogerson was certified as a Paramedic in 1993 and served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. He's been the president of the SRFA since 2008, and has served as Shop Steward. Captain Rogerson is involved in the Santa Cop program, Rancho Cotati Little League, Rohnert Park Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Baseball, Rohnert Park Soccer and Bowl for Kids' Sake. Andy is married and has a son and daughter. *"First and foremost the Fire Department is in existence to serve the citizens."*

Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Windrem, a nine-year veteran with the City of San Rafael, will be assigned as the Fire Captain/Paramedic on Engine/Truck 57-B commencing July 4, 2010. Captain Windrem was certified as a Paramedic in 2001 and has a BA in Economics with an emphasis in Public Administration. He is the Co-Chair of the 12-lead ECG Committee, elected as the Emergency Medical Service Liaison; Labor Negotiator for the Firefighter's Association and coordinated the Fill-the-Boot fundraiser. Matt is married and has one son.

"We'll work so that our best far surpasses the expectations of our customers, both internal and external."

Captains Conover, Hatfield, Rogerson and Windrem were administered the San Rafael Fire Department Oath of Office by Fire Chief Gray followed by the presenting of their badge, helmet shield and a Certificate of Appointment.

Congratulations to all of these fine new Fire Captains as they accept the challenge and opportunity to help and serve the needs of the greater San Rafael Community. The San Rafael Fire Department Family is very proud of their individual and mutual accomplishments and we look forward to their public service as a Fire Captain.

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(l to r) Fire Capt. Matt Windrem, Fire Capt. Andy Rogerson, Fire Capt. Jeff Conover and Fire Capt. Jason Hatfield

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