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City Welcomes New Firefighters

(Papillion) – The city’s newest firefighters are in place. Mayor James Blinn says he’s happy to continually see high quality people join the city’s fire department.

Michael Borden, Tom Abe and Jason Ankerson are the city’s newest firefighters. Borden has eight total years experience as a firefighter, two in the State of Iowa and six years in the Iowa National Guard. He’s certified in Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials and EMT-B. Borden is also working toward his Associate’s Degree in Fire Science. He is married with two small children.

Abe is a Bellevue native with 14 years as a volunteer firefighter there. He also spent two years in Grand Island as a firefighter/paramedic. A graduate of the Creighton University Paramedic Program, he is certified in Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials. Abe has a nine-year-old son.

Ankerson was a firefighter in Colorado for one year and is certified in Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials and EMT-B. He has an Associate’s Degree in Fire Protection Technology from Southeast Community College. Ankerson is married.

Mayor Blinn says these men exemplify Papillion’s commitment to high standards in its quest for top-notch public safety. “It’s reassuring to know that the city has highly qualified and dedicated professionals in its fire department. To get the best, you have to be the best.”