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Fire Department Hires New Cadets

(Pensacola, FL) -- The Pensacola Fire Department had another historic week for hiring last week. Six new cadets joined the City of Pensacola and began their training at the Fire Academy on Monday, October 30. Included in this new class of cadets are the first two females hired by the Fire Department in over 16 years.

Chief David Allen says bringing the cadet program back as a recruitment tool last year has allowed the department to hire more local applicants who want to live and work in Pensacola as well as increase the diversity of the department to better reflect the community. The program provides the education cadets need to become a certified firefighter and pays them for on the job experience. Since February, eleven cadets have completed the program and joined the Pensacola Fire Department as professional firefighters.

This latest class of cadets will also be the first class to complete their training at the George Stone Technical Center which allows the cadets to train locally. According to Chief Allen, the partnership with GSTC is beneficial to both parties, "We have the drill facilities for the practical (hands on) instruction, while GSTC has state of the art classroom facilities. We have the knowledge and certified instructors, while GSTC provides administration services, along with a means for students to obtain tuition assistance."

For more information about Pensacola Fire Department's Cadet Program visit the [Pensacola Fire Department website](#) or call Assistant Fire Chief Greg Redding at 436-5200 Ext 3831.

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Pensacola Fire Department Cadets October 2017

L to R: Shawn Cyphers, Dudley Bickham, Rachael Ozan, Kendrick Thompson, Stephanie Spaar, William Moss

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