

Service over self, captains introduced at Council meeting

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Service over self was the overwhelming theme as three new captains were appointed to Crescent Fire and Rescue (CFPD). Measure S funding has allowed for the hiring of these career fire and rescue positions.

CFPD Fire Chief Kevin Carey delivered the hiring announcement of Everett Buell, Jason Borges and Beau Smith at Tuesday's city council meeting. The one percent sales tax increase is funding the captains positions.

Everett Buell is the youngest of the captains at 31. Everett is a product of Kneeland (east of Eureka), is an emergency medical technician (EMT) and a ten year volunteer with Kneeland Fire serving as firefighter, engineer, captain and captain II positions.

Jason Borges is a Crescent City native. Before his CFPD captain appointment, Jason was the senior fleet mechanic with the city and brings along 13 years of professional experience. He is a certified ASE master heavy truck technician and a California State certified fire mechanic. Jason Borges is a seven year fire volunteer and holds the rank of captain, all while being an EMT.

Beau Smith is a local-born and bred Del Norter and career logger. Smith is also a 17 year career volunteer fireman who recently served as a Crescent City councilor. Smith acknowledges the opportunity to serve as a "dream come true."

Each eminently-qualified captain will enter a year-long probationary period and will work a two day 48 hour shift with four days off.