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***** FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS*****

NINE ARE PROMOTED AT THE SHELBY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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In his fourth month at the helm of the Shelby County Fire Department, Fire Chief Alvin D. Benson has promoted seven percent of his suppression fire fighters Tuesday during a late afternoon ceremony. "Since joining this agency last December, I have met some wonderful and very skilled fire fighters who have shown me how diligent they have been in preparing to advance in their careers." said Benson. "It was difficult to review all of the potential candidates because everyone scored very well and I'm rather certain that we will see additional promotions in the future. "I am very proud to be able to promote these nine professionals."

Those advancing are: Glen F. Kneeland of Germantown to Division Chief, Raymond Hoffman of South East Shelby County to Battalion Chief, Jamie Allen of Cordova to Lieutenant, Calvin Cleaves, II of Memphis to Lieutenant, Robert Dabbs of Cordova to Lieutenant, Jeffrey Devisfruto of Arlington to Lieutenant, Jonathan Hanks of Arlington to Lieutenant, James Craft of Arlington to Driver and John Mitchell of Lakeland to Driver. Fire Chief Benson was joined by Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. who proudly assisted during the ceremony. "All of us here at Shelby County are very glad for the quality and skill displayed by these fire fighters." Said Mayor Luttrell. "This places the right people in the right places to be able to continue the excellent service provided by our fire department here in Shelby County. "We're very glad for them all." he said.



Above: Fire Chief Benson offers advice and praise to his fire fighters at the close of the ceremony. Right: Only the second female to achieve the rank of Lieutenant in the 43-year history of the Shelby County Fire Department, Lt. Jamie Allen poses proudly with her Chief and Mayor Luttrell.

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