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Bath Township Fire Department Held Swearing-In and Awards Ceremony

The Bath Township Fire Department is proud to announce a recent swearing-in and awards ceremony to welcome a new group of four firefighters and recognize several members with both years of service and commendation awards. The ceremony took place on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Bath Township Fire Station, located at 1787 N. Dixie Highway, Lima, Ohio 45801.

The event marked an important milestone for our community, as we welcomed the next generation of firefighters who have committed their lives to serving and protecting the residents of Bath Township. These new recruits have undergone rigorous training and are now prepared to officially join the ranks of our fire department, upholding the values of courage, dedication, and service.

The ceremony was attended by local officials, community leaders, and the families of those being honored. It was an opportunity to celebrate the bravery and dedication of our firefighters, who play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of our township.

Sworn in:

Brandt McClain, Seth Thornburg, Ian Fosnaugh, and Dylan Hartman.

Years of Service Awards:

Brock Yingling (5 Years), Travis Fillhart (15 Years,) Brenda Meyer (20 Years,) Ken Meyer (30 Years,) and Joseph Kitchen (35 Years.)

Commendation Awards:

Firefighter of the Year: Ethan Hull, EMS Provider of the Year: Gavin Butler, Rookie of the Year: Gavin Butler, and Physical Fitness Award: Brayden Young.

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