



## Provo Fire & Rescue Hires Seven New FF/Paramedics



*(Left to right)* **New recruits Jeanie Bihlmaier, Koby Hubbs, Jeremy Hawley, Mayor John Curtis, Westin Sampson, Johnathan Allen, Ryan Rieske, and Brady Johnson.**

**In June, Provo Fire & Rescue hired six new Firefighter/Paramedics due to the SAFER grant and filled one open position. Chief Blair Camp stated, "We had a very high quality of pool applicants to choose from, making the selection process a difficult one. I am confident that these will be outstanding employees."**



**Chief Blair Camp welcomed new recruits, their families and friends, and city officials at the Swearing-In Ceremony held on August 25 in the Provo City Council Chambers.**



### **Jeanie Bihlmaier**

Jeanie grew up in Provo and lived in Vancouver, Washington for seven years before moving back to Provo two years ago. She has a B.S. from BYU in Microbiology and is a Recruit Candidate Academy and Paramedic school graduate through Utah Fire & Rescue Academy. Jeanie volunteered with Utah County Search and Rescue for three years, Portland Mountain Rescue for seven years, and North Fork Fire and Rescue for two years. Her interests include skiing, biking, rock climbing, and camping with the family. She is married to Bryan Bihlmaier and they have one

son, Lander, who is 10 years old.

### **Westin Sampson**

Westin likes to be active and grew up playing a lot of sports. Football and wrestling were his favorites. He went on to play college football at Snow College. He is very close to earning his bachelors degree in Emergency Services. Any time he can be outdoors he is and enjoys hunting, fishing, and riding horses. Westin has always enjoyed helping people and is very thankful to have an exciting career at Provo City as a Firefighter Paramedic. Westin has been married to his beautiful wife Jessica for a year.



## Brady Johnson

Brady was born and raised in Springville and has worked at Springville Fire and Rescue for 2 ½ years. He graduated from UFRA Paramedic program one year ago and began working at Gold Cross Ambulance immediately following. He enjoys golfing, riding motorcycles, and duck hunting. Brady enjoys laughing and joking, and being in the company of other people. Part of what he likes about this job is making critical decisions in a little amount of time, working with his hands, and the anticipation of what calls may come at any time.

## Johnathan Allen



Johnathan grew up on a Dairy Farm in Flowell, Utah, graduated from Millard High School, and now lives in Springville. Johnathan has an Associate degree from UVU in Emergency Care & Fire Science. He attended RCA and Paramedic School at UFRA. Johnathan is also a volunteer for Springville Fire and Rescue. His interests are camping, fishing, hunting, and flying powered parachutes. He is married to Jana Marie. They have three children, Jayden 8, Ashlyn 6, and Jacob 3. They have all supported their husband and dad through his education.

## Jeremy Hawley

Jeremy was born and raised in southern California until about 3 ½ years ago when he and his wife, Kristin moved here. They have one child. Jeremy is currently five classes shy of his Bachelor's degree. Jeremy has an Associates Degree in Fire Science from UVU and a general Associates degree from Orange Coast College in California. In the spring of 2010, he attended the UFRA academy with successful graduation. Shortly after, he was accepted into the paramedic program at UFRA and graduated in April 2011. Jeremy loves anything that involves sports with golfing one of his favorites. He also enjoys anything outdoors: fishing, camping, and anything on the water. Jeremy loves to go with my wife everywhere when possible. Jeremy is new to the State of Utah and the City of Provo. He absolutely looks forward to being a part of the community of Provo and will do his best to serve its citizens.



## Koby Hubbs

Koby graduated from Forest Grove High School in Oregon. He loves sports and outdoor activities and played college basketball on a scholarship. He served a two year mission to Chile, Osorno and is fluent in Spanish. He is an Eagle Scout and has been a Scoutmaster for 14 years. Koby graduated from UVU recruit academy and obtained a Paramedic certificate. He took 1st place in state skills USA firefighter competition 2011, and placed 4th in the national skills USA firefighter competition 2011. Koby and his wife, Lori are the parents of three children.

## **Ryan Rieske**

Ryan Rieske was born in Provo, Utah. He was raised in Orem Utah and graduated from Orem High School in 2001. He attended Snow College for one year where he met his wife Danielle. They were married on August 1, 2003. They have two children. After one year at Snow College, Ryan transferred to UVU and received his Associates in Construction Management. He has now completed the RFDA program and Paramedic Program and is working towards a bachelor's degree in emergency services. Ryan enjoys working in the building industry and is skilled in cabinet making. He enjoys the outdoors, especially water skiing, motorcycle riding, and especially spending time with his family. Ryan is extremely excited to start his new career with Provo Fire & Rescue.