



**Friday, July 5, 2024**



The **Franklin Police Department** is proud to welcome **three new police officers** to the force.

**Officers Cole Canon, William Davis, and Ashton Lebel** were sworn in by Police Chief Deb Faulkner during a ceremony at police headquarters Wednesday afternoon. *(From left to right: Officers Cole Canon, Ashton Lebel, and William Davis)*

- Canon, a Missouri native, is a graduate from the University of Mississippi and has a B.S. in Criminal Justice. He is a sergeant in the Mississippi Army National Guard and was deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom. “I’m excited to serve the citizens of this great city,” said Canon. “I couldn’t ask for a better opportunity.”
- Davis joins the Franklin Police Department after working for the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. He is a Pennsylvania native and attended West Virginia University. “I decided to join the Franklin Police Department because I like the city and wanted to serve in a small-town environment,” according to Davis.
- Lebel is originally from Memphis but has lived in Middle Tennessee for the last ten years. He is a former college football player at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. “I couldn’t imagine a better place to serve. I joined the Franklin Police Department because of this great community,” said Lebel.

In addition to swearing in the new officers, Faulkner also **announced the following promotions:**

- **Officer Branden McClellan promoted to Patrol Sergeant**
- **Officer William Orange promoted to Master Police Officer**
- **Officer Chris Doyle promoted to Master Police Officer**
- **Officer Connor Jones promoted to Police Officer II**
- **Officer Braydon Dodd promoted to Police Officer II**
- **Officer Brigham VanHook promoted to Police Officer II**



**Congratulations to Franklin Fire Department’s Assistant Fire Marshal Curt Edelmann who is retiring next Friday, July 12 after 46 years of service, (10 with City of Franklin)! Throughout his career, Edelmann experienced many memorable calls, including riding the tailboard in the 1979 Chicago blizzard, and the unprecedented 1980 Chicago firefighters’ strike. Edelmann’s department was tasked with helping to provide coverage in Chicago. They had to use different tools because Chicago hydrants opened differently than others. He recalled treating a circus worker with a crush injury from an elephant, and a medical call in a rotating restaurant where he had to chase his misplaced bag. A particularly close call occurred during a fire in a high-rise office building when he narrowly escaped flames that exploded from a nearby balcony.**

Edelmann received several awards while working for Franklin, including being named the 2016-2017 Fire Administration Staff Member of the Year. He received a Phoenix Award for helping to save the life of a man in cardiac arrest in 2019. The man was a Pumpkinfest volunteer who collapsed at a meeting before the event. The responders, including Edelmann, went on to be recognized at the state level for this call, receiving the EMS Star of Life Award. Additionally, he was honored in April by the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was presented with the Fire Safety Commendation Award for his contributions to public safety as a member of the City of Franklin's planning and development team for the past decade. [Read more about Curt and his future plans!](#)



**REMINDER: Effective July 1, 2024, an update to our LONGEVITY PAY!** Full time employees with 3 or more years of continuous service will receive \$50 per year of service up to a maximum of 30 years of service, or \$1,500. Full time employees with less than 3 years of continuous service will receive a fixed amount of \$100. Certain part time employees may receive a fixed amount of \$100 as directed by the City Administrator. This payment will now be made annually for all eligible employees. The date for purposes of determining years of service is November 1st, and the employees will receive this year’s payment electronically on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

**Welcome to our new City team members this week!**



**Akin Duvall, Utility Service Worker, Water Management Department**

Akin is from Chapel Hill. In his free time, he enjoys hunting with his two dogs and fishing. Akin graduated from Forrest High School and previously worked for LSI.



**Tyler Connolly, Facilities Maintenance Manager, Water Management Department**

Tyler is originally from Maine. He is married with two kids, ages two and four. Tyler is a graduate from Maine Maritime Academy in 2006 and previously worked for Siemens Energy.

**Check out photos below from yesterday's Franklin on the Fourth and fireworks at Harlinsdale Farm**



Have a great weekend! Thanks for *all* you do.

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