

CITY OF PINE BLUFF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES *FOCUSING ON THE COMMUNITY*



FIRE CHIEF, SHAUNN HOWELL

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Fire Chief Shaun Howell is proud to announce the following promotions:

- Engineer Juan Ventress promoted to Lieutenant
- Engineer Robert Norman promoted to Lieutenant
- Firefighter Mark Rongey promoted to Engineer
- Firefighter Tracy Smith promoted to Engineer
- Firefighter Eric Watts promoted to Engineer

Juan Ventress



Robert Norman



Mark Rongey



Tracy Smith



Eric Watts



Lieutenant Ventress is assigned to **Battalion-A at Fire Station #3 (3000 Ash)**. Lieutenant Ventress is a 1984 graduate of Baster High School, attended the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff pursuing a Bachelors degree in Computer Science, and served a 6 year enlistment in the United States Marines. He has 22 years of service in the department.

Lieutenant Robert Norman is assigned to **Battalion-C at Fire Station #3 (3000 Ash)**. Lieutenant Norman has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and is a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician. He has 13 years of service in the department.

Engineer Mark Rongey is assigned to **Battalion-A at Fire Station #3 (3000 Ash)**. Engineer Rongey is a 2000 graduate of White Hall High School, a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician, a Nationally Certified Fire Instructor, and a Hazardous Materials Technician. He has 5 years of service in the department.

Engineer Tracy Smith is assigned to **Battalion-B at Fire Station #1 (200 E. 8th Avenue)**. Engineer Smith is a 1991 graduate of Washington Preparatory High School in Los Angeles, CA., a 2011 graduate of Southeast Arkansas College in Pine Bluff, AR with an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies, and is currently attending the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff majoring in Regulatory Science. He served a 6 year enlistment in the United States Marines and a 7 year enlistment in the Army National Guard, also serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician and has 7 years of service with the department.

Engineer Eric Watts is assigned to **Battalion-B at Fire Station #5 (3700 Miramar)**. Engineer Watts is a 1993 graduate of Watson Chapel High School, a 2009 graduate of Southeast Arkansas College in Pine Bluff with a Technical Certificate in Industrial Electricity, and is a Nationally Certified Emergency Medical Technician. He has 7 years of service in the department.

A swearing-in /promotional ceremony will be held in the coming weeks with location, time, and date to be announced.

For Additional information please contact

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