

Press Release

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Wilton Fire Department announces hiring of new firefighter

Fire Commission Chairperson Casey Healy announces the hiring of Samuel Guttman as Wilton's newest probationary firefighter, effective August 26, 2021. Firefighter Guttman was sworn in this past week at Fire Headquarters by Town Clerk Lori Kaback, with his family in attendance.

According to Fire Chief Jim Blanchfield, the process to hire a new firefighter in Wilton is comprehensive, starting with written and oral examinations conducted by the Connecticut Firefighter Testing Consortium and passing the Connecticut Physical Ability Test. Panel interviews are then conducted by the Wilton Fire Department administration. Finally, selected candidates go before the Fire Commission which ultimately extends a provision offer to a candidate, who then goes through a series of post-offer, pre-employment tests, including a detailed background investigation. Sam Guttman successfully navigated this lengthy process. "We very much look forward to Sam's joining our team here in Wilton" said Blanchfield.

Commissioner Healy joined with Fire Commission members Terrie Schwartz and John Hall, stating: "The Fire Commission was pleased to extend an offer of employment to Sam Guttman and looks forward to his beginning his career with the Wilton Fire Department upon his graduation from the Connecticut Fire Academy."

Guttman is a former Corporal with the United States Marines, an EMT, and previously a volunteer firefighter from Trumbull, CT, where he joined as a junior member in 2013. He will spend the next 15 weeks at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks training before returning to duty with Wilton.

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Firefighter Sam Guttman being sworn in at Wilton Fire Headquarters by Town Clerk Lori Kaback.