



**Mayor Helmin J. Caba and the  
Perth Amboy Fire Department**

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The City of  
**PERTH AMBOY**  
Helmin J. Caba, Honorable Mayor  
& City Council Members



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## **Perth Amboy Fire Department Swearing In Ceremony**

*Battalion Chief Robert Bunten*

*Captain Thomas Macri*

*Captain Eric Lewis*

*Captain Kevin Metz*

*Captain Jon Fedor*

*Firefighter Gregory Perez*

*Firefighter Manuel Garabito*

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**WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 3RD | 4PM**

**Perth Amboy Fire Headquarters  
375 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy**



**The City of Perth Amboy  
and  
the Perth Amboy Fire Department**



**WELCOME**

*Edward A. Mullen*  
**Fire Chief**

**INVOCATION**

*Father Martin Vavrak*  
**Perth Amboy Fire Chaplain**

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS &  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Perth Amboy Fire Honor Guard*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*Javier Cruz*  
**Firefighter**

**REMARKS**

*Edward A. Mullen*  
**Fire Chief**

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

*Mayor Helmin J. Caba*

**BENEDICTION**

*Father Martin Vavrak*  
**Perth Amboy Fire Chaplain**

**CLOSING**

*Edward A. Mullen*  
**Fire Chief**

**MAYOR**

*Helmin J. Caba*

**PERTH AMBOY FIRE CHIEF**

*Edward A. Mullen*

**ADMINISTRATION & INVESTIGATIONS**

*Battalion Chief Carlos Gonzalez*

**TRAINING DIVISION**

*Captain Daniel Arroyo*

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

*Captain Kevin Metz*

**SHIFT COMMANDERS**

**BATTALION 1 & SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMANDER**

*Battalion Chief Brian Lopazanski*

**BATTALION 2 & MARINE DIVISION COMMANDER**

*Battalion Chief Scott Bromirski*

**BATTALION 3**

*Battalion Chief John Breyta*

**BATTALION 4**

*Battalion Chief John Rezes*

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*William A. Petrick, President*

*Rose Morales*

*Joel Pabon, Sr.*

*Milady Tejeda*

*Bienvenido "BJ" Torres*



**Battalion Chief  
Robert Bunten**

Battalion Chief Robert Bunten started his fire service career in 1997 with the Hopelawn Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter. He then served on the Woodbridge Fire Company. Robert was hired by the Perth Amboy Fire Department as a career firefighter on October 25, 2005, and assigned to Battalion 4. Robert was promoted to Captain on March 3, 2016, where he served as Captain of Battalion 2 on Rescue 1.

Robert is certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a Level II Incident Manager, Fire Instructor Level I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials On-Scene Incident Commander. He is certified as an Emergency Medical Technician by the NJ Department of Health and a member of the Perth Amboy Fire Department's Marine Division and Special Operations Team.

Robert resides in Fords with his wife Nicole and sons Robert Jr. & Ryan.

Battalion Chief Bunten will serve as a Battalion Chief on Battalion 4.



**Captain  
Thomas Macri**

Captain Thomas Macri started his fire service career in 1998 with the Roselle Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter. In 2002 he was hired by Perth Amboy Police Department Emergency Medical Services as an Emergency Medical Technician. He also joined the Perth Amboy Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 2004. He was appointed as a Career Firefighter on February 24, 2014. Prior to his promotion, Thomas was assigned as the MPO of Engine 2 on Battalion 4.

Thomas is certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a Level I Incident Manager and Firefighter II. He is also an Emergency Medical Technician and Emergency Medical Dispatcher who assists in training new 9-1-1 dispatchers. He has received valor awards from the 200 Club of Middlesex County and the Professional Firefighters Association of New Jersey.

Thomas resides in Ringoes with his wife Barbara and daughters Elizabeth and Victoria.

Captain Macri is assigned to Battalion 2 as Captain of Engine 1.







**Captain  
Eric Lewis**

Captain Eric Lewis started his emergency services career in 2012 with Perth Amboy Fire Department as a volunteer Firefighter. He was appointed as a Career Firefighter on September 11, 2014. Prior to his promotion, Eric was assigned to Rescue 1 on Battalion 4. Eric is certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a Level I Incident Manager, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor Level II, and Fire Inspector. He is also an Emergency Medical Technician and a member of the Perth Amboy Fire Department's Marine Division, Special Operations Team, and Dive Team. He is also a member of the Middlesex County UASI Team and has received several department citations. Eric resides in Perth Amboy and has three children Melody, Nicole & Luke. Captain Lewis is assigned to Battalion 3 as Captain of Rescue 1.



**Captain  
Kevin Metz**

Captain Kevin Metz started his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter in 2005 with the Hopelawn Fire Company. He joined the Perth Amboy Fire Department as a volunteer Firefighter in 2012 and was appointed to the Fire Prevention Bureau as a Fire inspector under Code Enforcement. He was appointed as a Career Firefighter on September 14, 2014. Prior to his promotion, Kevin was assigned as the Fire Official in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau after serving on Battalion 2. Under his tenure, he successfully transitioned the Bureau from the Department of Code Enforcement to the Perth Amboy Fire Department in 2019.

Kevin is certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a Level II Incident Manager, Hazardous Materials on Scene Incident Commander, Firefighter II, Fire Instructor Level I, and Fire Official. He is also an Emergency Medical Technician and a member of the Perth Amboy Fire Department's Marine Division and Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Program. Kevin resides in Hopelawn with his wife Maria and daughters Mia and Olivia. Captain Metz is assigned to Fire Prevention as the Fire Official.



**Thank you for your service to our nation and our city.**



**Captain  
Jon Fedor**

Captain Jon “Jay” Fedor started his emergency services career in 1999 with the Fords Fire Company as a volunteer firefighter. He was appointed as a Career Firefighter on February 28, 2011. Prior to his promotion, Jay was assigned to Rescue 1 on Battalion 3.

Jay is certified by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a Level I Incident Manager, Firefighter II, and Fire, Instructor Level II. He is also an Emergency Medical Technician and a member of the Perth Amboy Fire Department’s Special Operations Team and Dive Team. Jay resides in Howell with his wife Alanna and sons Jay, Jack, and Joey. Captain Fedor is assigned to Battalion 1 as Captain of Rescue 1.



**Firefighter  
Manuel  
Garabito**

Firefighter Manuel Garabito started his fire service career on April 16, 2022, when he was appointed to the Perth Amboy Fire Department as a probationary firefighter. The following three months, he completed his Pro-Board Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Operations at the Morris County Fire Academy. During the next nine months, he will also complete Pump Operator, Fire Inspector, Emergency Medical Technician, High Angle Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue & Water Rescue training. He is a graduate of Kean University with a Bachelor’s Degree of Arts in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Prior to his employment with the Perth Amboy Fire Department, Manny worked for Jet Blue Airlines as a Ground Operations Supervisor. Manny resides in Perth Amboy with his wife Katherine and son Emilio.

Firefighter Garabito will be assigned to Engine 1 on Battalion 3, under the command of Battalion Chief John Bretya.



**Firefighter  
Gregory Perez**

Firefighter Gregory Perez started his fire service career on April 16, 2022, when he was appointed to the Perth Amboy Fire Department as a probationary firefighter. The following three months, he completed his Pro-Board Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Operations at the Morris County Fire Academy. During the next nine months, he will also complete Pump Operator, Fire Inspector, Emergency Medical Technician, High Angle Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue & Water Rescue training. Prior to his employment with the Perth Amboy Fire Department, Gregory was a regional supervisor for New Jersey Transit and also worked for the Board of Education as a Security Officer. Gregory resides in Perth Amboy with his girlfriend Riyadha, daughter Alayla and son Mase.

Firefighter Perez will be assigned to Engine 1 on Battalion 4, under the command of Battalion Chief John Rezes.



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