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BEACHWOOD FIRE DEPT. PROMOTES TWO MEMBERS TO LIEUTENANTS

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –February 6, 2024) – Beachwood Fire Department Chief Steven Holtzman recently announced the promotion of two members of the department to lieutenant.

Don Balog just passed his 25th anniversary in Beachwood and is well known in the area, having served in many roles, including team leader for the East Tech Technical Rescue Team, as well as commander for the Beachwood Honor Guard, for which he also is a member of the training committee. Additionally, he was awarded 2022's "Firefighter of the Year."

Rob Searles has served with the department for almost 12 years while filling many roles, including CPR instructor, Rescue Task Force Instructor, a member of the Social Media Committee, as well as the training committee. Lt. Searles also is a member of the newly formed Drone Team.

Mayor Justin Berns congratulated both men at a recent city council meeting. "We look forward to Lt. Balog and Lt. Searles' continued skilled service and their loyalty to our fire department. They both help strengthen the city's rescue capabilities."

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