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Subject: *Berthoud Firefighter Leaves for National Guard Training in New York*

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Brad Novell has worked for Berthoud Fire Protection District since 2016, first as a reserve firefighter and then was awarded a full-time career position in January of 2018. When Novell came on staff he was also still serving as a member of the National Guard. Being a guardsman has required firefighter Novell to attend monthly training that can be 2-7 days long as well as two-week specialized trainings in the summer.

Novell has been grateful to be part of a fire department that has allowed him to finish his 6-year contract with the National Guard while still fighting fires at home. “This is part of my life, and Berthoud has been really supportive the whole time.” -Novell.

He has one year remaining with his infantry contract, but has considered the possibility of someday taking his firefighting skills to the military.

June 1, 2018 Novell will take a temporary leave from firefighting for a three-week training exercise in Fort Drum, New York. Novell’s brigade is taking part in Exportable Combat Training Capability as his team is prepared for possible deployment overseas within the next two years. The 86th Brigade Combat Team’s training focuses on tactical movements and engaging the enemy in mountainous terrain and survival in the mountains.

One year ago, this month, Novell married his sweetheart Katie. They will celebrate their one-year anniversary the day he returns from training on June 24. Novell admits it can be hard to be away from his new wife. “I’ve counted up the days” said Novell, “200 days I’ve spent away from her.”

At the age of 24 Novell is balancing his new career as a firefighter, fulfilling his duty as guardsmen, and spending time with his wife in their home in Loveland.

Berthoud Fire is proud of Novell’s service to our community and our country.