

City swears in fire recruit

He's first minority, youngest department member

Bruce Alan Carter achieved two distinctions yesterday when he was appointed to the Allentown Fire Department. The 22-year-old Carter becomes the first minority member of the department and he also is the youngest.

Carter immediately started his training with an orientation before and after the oath was administered by Mayor Joseph S. Daddona in a ceremony attended by Carter's family.

He said he looks forward to a long career as a city fire fighter, saying he "likes to help people; do something good for them."

He starts tomorrow in a six-week joint training program before being assigned to a platoon as a reserve man.

Carter attended Allen High School and completed his high school education at Miracosta College in Oceanside, Calif., while serving with the Marines.

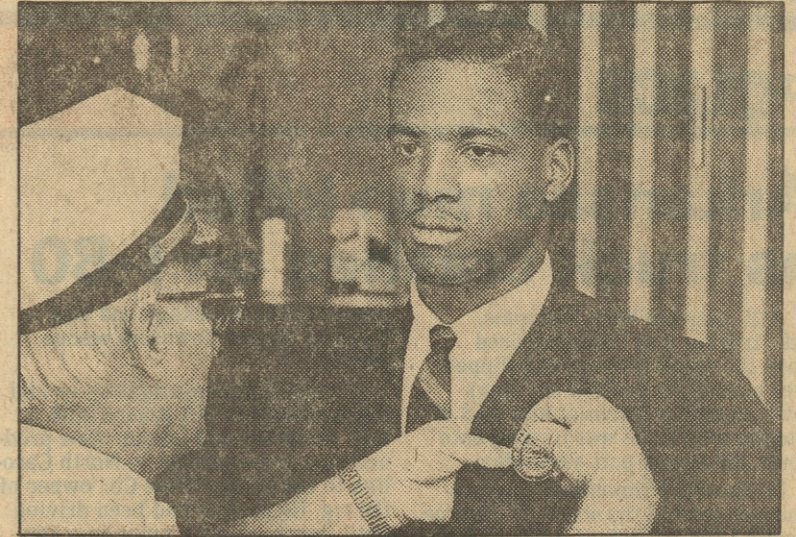
He was discharged from the Marines in November 1981 and spent time since then in security work, serving as a prison guard in California before returning to Allentown.

During his tenure with the marines, Carter received the meritorius mast for outstanding

service in saving the life of a fellow Marine at Camp LeJuene, N.C.

He said his detachment was undergoing demolitions training and a bridge was blown up before one of his buddies got off the span. The man dropped into the ocean and Carter rescued him.

In welcoming Carter to the ranks of the city's fire-fighting force, Daddona said, "Both as mayor and in my capacity as director of public safety, I am pleased to welcome aboard another fine addition to the city's protective forces."



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Fire Chief Ernest Toth pins badge on Bruce Alan Carter.

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