



To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Aimee R. New, Fire Chief

Date: August 20, 2018

Re: Introduction of Firefighter Intern John Wheeler

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is needed on this item. Please welcome Firefighter Intern John Wheeler to the City of Sonora.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora tested for the classification of Firefighter Intern. John successfully completed all related testing and requirements for this position, including an extensive background investigation, and medical testing before being appointed to the position.

DISCUSSION:

Introduction of John Wheeler:

John was born and raised in a little town called Rescue, outside of El Dorado Hills. He graduated from the local high school in 2016 and began researching a career path. Firefighting fell in his lap and he started looking into the career field. He heard about Columbia College's fire technology program and enrolled. While he was in the academy, one of his close friends, Scott Burroughs, told him about the Firefighter Internship program at Sonora City Fire. John tested for the position and came out number one. He feels lucky to have received an intern position with the City of Sonora. He commented that he has the opportunity to learn about and proudly serve the City of Sonora.

John's badge will be pinned by his mother, Jeannine.