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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TURU VANDERWIEL, CHIEF OF POLICE

DATE: NOVEMBER 4TH, 2019

RE: INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MIKALE BELL

Recommendations: There is no action required on this item. The Sonora Police Department would like to present our newest Part-Time Police Officer. As Chief of Police, I am proud to introduce Officer Mikale Bell.

Background: In June of 2019, the Police Department tested to fill two part-time School Resource Officer positions funded by Proposition 56, (the Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016).

Discussion: Mikale bell has completed all testing and initial training requirements to begin working as a sworn peace officer. He graduated from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Academy and has law enforcement experience with the City of Escalon Police Department.

Mikale was born and raised in Stanislaus County and has been married to his lovely wife, Rebecca, for twelve years. Mikale and Rebecca have lived in Tuolumne with their two children for two years and have family in this community as well.

Mikale enjoys the outdoors and likes hiking, fishing, camping, and hunting with his family. Mikale also enjoys snowboarding and works ski patrol at Dodge Ridge on a seasonal basis. He is an avid martial artist and looks forward to sharing those skills with his children once they are old enough.

Mikale was hired by the Sonora Police Department on October 18th and will be undergoing a standard 14-week Field Training Program. He looks forward to a long career with our agency and has goals to be a Defensive Tactics Instructor and Field Training Officer.

Respectfully,

Turu VanderWiel
Chief of Police