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Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: TURU VANDERWIEL, CHIEF OF POLICE
DATE: JANUARY 21ST, 2020
RE: INTRODUCTION OF POLICE OFFICER CHRIS JOHNSON

Recommendations: There is no action required on this item. As Chief of Police, I am proud to introduce our newest Police Officer, Chris Johnson.

Background: In August of 2019, the Police Department tested to fill two vacant Police Officer positions.


Discussion: Chris Johnson has completed all testing and initial training requirements to work as a sworn peace officer. He graduated from the Stanislaus Regional Training Academy in 2007 and has worked for the Angels Camp Police Department for over 11 years. He obtained his associate's degree from Columbia Junior College and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Sacramento City College.

Chris comes to us with a great deal of law enforcement experience. He was a Corporal with the Angels Camp Police Department and has held titles such as Field Training Officer (FTO), Training Administrator, Taser Instructor, Defensive Tactics (DETAC) Instructor, and Firearms Instructor to name just a few. He holds both intermediate and advanced Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) professional certificates.

Chris grew up in Sonora and has been a resident of Sonora for 30 years. He and his fiancé Gina have a 1-year-old son together, and Chris also has a 10-year-old son who will be pinning his badge this evening. Chris enjoys outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, camping, sports with his older son, DIY projects, and spending time with family.

Chris was a Sonora Police Explorer for approximately two years during his high school and junior college days, and as of December 28th, 2019, he is officially back on our team as a full-time Police Officer. As an experienced lateral officer, he will undergo an 8-week Field Training Program. Chris hopes to pursue career interests such as Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Investigator, and eventually promote through the ranks here at Sonora.

Respectfully,


Turu VanderWiel
Chief of Police