



To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Aimee R. New, Fire Chief

Date: March 18, 2019

Re: Fire Fighter of the Year Awards

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is needed on this item. It gives me great pleasure to present the City of Sonora's 2018 Firefighters of the Year Awards. Each year the City of Sonora recognizes outstanding employees across all Departments.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Fighter of the year award began in 1994 and is somewhat unique in that it is voted on by the members of the department. This prestigious award is presented to deserving Fire personnel because their peers view their service as exceptional. Many in the Fire Service and Law Enforcement are uncomfortable receiving an award for "doing their job." However, when peers recognize each other for outstanding service, it is an especially rewarding recognition.

DISCUSSION:

Please join me in congratulating the following individuals, elected by their peers, to receive this inspiring award.

Volunteer Firefighter – Joel Teran

Intern Firefighter – Kelley Figley

Part-Time Firefighter – Patrick Kerrigan

Career Firefighter – Tyler Piche

Comments from their peers:

Joel Teran – Volunteer Firefighter

He shows motivation in advancing his career and is completing his task book for Engineer to assist the department in staffing. He has gained a lot of experience from the community and continues to give back. Joel is very positive and professional; he consistently works to achieve his goals.

Kelley Figley – Intern Firefighter

Kelley sets a good for other firefighters. He is progressing in the fire service and just started his Engineer task book. He is always ready to help others. He represents the department with professionalism and pride. He has a positive attitude and always willing to help.

Patrick Kerrigan – Part-time Engineer

You can count on Patrick to bring quality work to the department. He has put in extra days to help cover the open shifts. He is a team player and focused on the department's mission. Patrick has a can-do attitude, he is professional and personable.

Tyler Piche – Full-time Career

Tyler is the department's secret weapon. He is quiet but a hard worker. He is always there to help in areas where others lack. He takes on small and large repairs to save the department money. Tyler is a great mentor for the Interns and Volunteers. He is a great cook. Tyler is consistently going above and beyond to get things done. He is very positive and professional.