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"Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851"

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: TURU VANDERWIEL, ACTING POLICE CHIEF

DATE: 5 MARCH 2018

RE: 2017 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR RECONITIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no action required on this item. The Sonora Police Department would like to recognize our employees of the year for 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Police Department's leadership meets to discuss and select department members for recognition in the following categories: Sworn full-time Officer of the Year, Sworn Reserve Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year, Community Service Volunteer of the Year, and Police Explorer of the Year. This year, we implemented a peer nomination step in the selection process which added another level of distinction to these recognitions.

DISCUSSION:

The following individuals were selected as the Sonora Police Department's employees of the year for 2017.

Erik Weber – Officer of the Year - For his continued hard work and commitment to our department's mission. His peers describe him as a solid and well-rounded officer with a great sense of humor. The department's leadership recognizes the many hours of extra time Erik has given to the department and the attention to detail he applies to the goings-on within the community he serves. By keeping his finger on the pulse of the city, he has been able to close many cases that would otherwise have gone unsolved. Erik will also be receiving recognition for his efforts from the American Legion Post 58.

Gordon Winningham - Reserve Officer of the Year – Although originally hired as a Reserve Officer, Gordon has been assigned to the School Resource Officer position for the past two years. Gordon has been instrumental in several successful school related

investigations which, in no doubt, has significantly enhanced the safety of our local children and school staff. On a regular basis, I receive positive feedback from school staff, parents, and children. He is one of our ALICE instructors and one of our firearms instructors, but he never misses an opportunity to respond to a radio call when patrol officers need an extra hand.

Char Logan – Civilian Employee of the Year – This is the second year in a row for Char to be selected for this recognition. Char's peers describe her as a pleasure to work with and someone who is always willing to do what needs to be done. The department's leadership echoed these sentiments and also recognizes her consistent positive attitude. Her primary assignment is Animal Control, but she also applies much of her time to Vehicle Abatement and the support of patrol functions.

Robby Roberts - Community Service Volunteer of the Year – For volunteering well over 1000 hours in 2017 and for his continued mentorship to the Community Service Volunteer and Police Explorer programs. Robby is part of a core group of experienced volunteers that mentor and train junior volunteers. He is a full-time dispatcher for the County of Tuolumne and shares this knowledge with Police Explorers who aspire for a career in emergency communications.

Ron Watson – Ronald Billings II Explorer of the Year – For his dependability and commitment to the Explorer Post. Ron is described as an enthusiastic Explorer. He makes himself available for almost all details and meetings, follows instructions well and does what needs to be done. Ron represents the Explorer Post and the City of Sonora in a favorable manner and is assisting with recruitment efforts for the Explorer Post.