



To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

From: Aimee R. New, Fire Chief

Date: May 21, 2018

Re: Introduction of Fire Captain Jonathon Rock

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is needed on this item. Please welcome Fire Captain Jon Rock to the City of Sonora.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Sonora advertised and tested for the classification of Fire Captain, to fill an open position for Fire Captain. Jon successfully completed all related testing and requirements for this position, including an extensive background investigation, medical and psychological testing before being appointed to the position.

DISCUSSION:

Jon was born in Castro Valley, California to Diane and Bob Rock. Jon has one sibling Alisha Rock. Jon's family moved to Long Barn in 1993 where he attended Twain Harte Middle School, and later Summerville High, where he lettered in three sports.

After graduation, he enrolled at Columbia College where he successfully completed the fire academy, EMT training, and numerous fire technology classes. While enrolled at Columbia College he worked at the Sonora Fire Department for two years as an Intern Firefighter, gaining experience and knowledge of the fire service.

After Jon's time at Columbia College and Sonora Fire Department, he accepted a position with Groveland Fire, where he worked as a Fire Engineer, and then promoted to the rank of Fire Captain. During his eight years with Groveland, he participated in numerous training classes and department functions.

In 2013, Jon accepted a position with Cal Fire as a Fire Captain. In this last year, he worked at the Twain Harte Station, where he gained additional wildland experience.

Jon resides in Sonora with his wife of ten years, Joy. They have two children, Jackson who is four, and Emma who is seven. Jon currently manages Jackson's T-Ball team and Coaches Emma's softball team.

Jon's hobbies include Jujitsu and playing slow pitch softball. For seven years, Jon has participated in Relay for Life and this year he raised money for Muscular Dystrophy in Sonora.

Jon looks forward to serving the City of Sonora, where he has been fortunate to grow up and raise his family.

Jon's wife Joy will be pinning his badge.