

Introduction of Dustin Donnelly:

Dustin Donnelly was born in Jamestown, California although he would say he was raised more in Oakdale, California where he currently resides. He is 24 years old and comes from a family of hunters. Dustin and his brother quickly developed a passion for hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He enjoys almost all things sports, but specifically Football. Dustin lived most of his childhood in Jamestown but went to elementary school in the small town of Knights Ferry and attended Oakdale High School where he played a few years of football and graduated in 2013. Dustin spent time out of high school working at the family's business, Oakdale Feed and Seed. After a few years he realized he wanted to do more, he wanted to help people. He decided to begin his journey toward becoming a firefighter. He enrolled in Columbia College's fire academy in the fall of 2019, and quickly learned how little he knew about the career. Through his hard work and the help of others, Dustin was able to graduate the academy as a Crew Leader and was selected for the "Best character" award. Dustin is continuing his education at Columbia College in hopes of obtaining his Associates Degree in fire technology, while working as an Intern Firefighter with the historic Sonora Fire Department. He hopes to fine-tune his skills and gain as much experience as possible to build toward his future in the fire service. Dustin states that, "he is honored to be part of the Sonora Fire Department and could not be more thankful to all those that helped him get here." Dustin says one of the people who has supported him immensely is his girlfriend Alicia Cook, and it is for that reason he would like her to pin his badge.