



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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**DATE:** March 17, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Aimee, New, Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Introduction and Swearing-In of Fire Engineer Eric Schlarb.

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Introduction and Swearing-In of Fire Engineer Eric Schlarb.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Sonora advertised and tested for the classification of Fire Engineer, to fill an open position from a recent promotion. Eric Schlarb successfully completed all related testing and requirements for this position, including an extensive driving course, interview panel and fire pump testing before being appointed to the position.

## **DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:**

Eric was Born in the Bay Area. His Family moved to Arnold CA when he was in grade school. During High School Eric joined the Ebbetts Pass Fire District as a fire cadet. There he discovered a love for the fire service and knew he was going to make it his career.

After graduation, Eric became a Firefighter I for CDF and attended Columbia College where he received his EMT certification and pursued his degree in Fire Technology. Eric worked for two seasons with CDF and attended Columbia College during the off seasons.

In 2004, Eric was hired by the Ebbetts Pass Fire District as a full-time Firefighter. During that time with EPFD, Eric completed his Degree in Fire Technology. Eric was in charge of the district's power equipment program, repairing equipment such as chainsaws. He also oversaw the yearly power equipment budget. Eric worked part time for Masarie Construction working residential construction on his days off, he also brings trade experience to our department.

In 2014, Eric was hired with Riverside County Fire Department (Cal Fire) and was assigned as a Firefighter II at Station 37 in Desert Hot Springs. He assisted with the training burn cadre during live burn training. Eric took an Engineers promotion in 2020 in the Tuolumne Calaveras Ranger Unit in order to return to his home area. While working in TCU, Eric was certified as a C Faller and assisted the Tuolumne/Calaveras Ranger Unit with chainsaw operation and tree falling training.



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Eric says he was happy to earn a position with the City of Sonora. He is excited to work for a smaller, more family and community-oriented Fire Department, where everyone knows one another and treats each other like family. In his free time, Eric enjoys going camping with his wife, fly fishing and hunting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund as this Position was Previously Funded.

**CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

Public Safety and Disaster Preparedness, Staffing - Salary, Benefits, Training, and Retention