



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: July 6, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Introduction and Badge Pinning of Police Explorers

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive Introduction and Swearing in of Police Explorers Joseph Greene and Destiny Bryan.

DISCUSSION / ANALYSIS:

The Sonora Police Department Explorer Post 364 accepts new Explorers throughout the year. After completing the probationary period and training, Explorers become eligible to receive their badge. Police Explorers support officers with community service and non-hazardous duties, attend training meetings, develop leadership skills, and prepare for a career in policing.

Joseph Greene moved to Sonora from Redwood City in 2022 and graduated from Sonora High School in 2023. He completed a Forestry/Firefighting program at Columbia College in 2024 and joined the Sonora Police Explorer Post in April 2025. As a Police Explorer, Joseph has participated in many community events and is focused on being a team player. He will become a Community Service Volunteer at age 21 and plans to pursue a career in policing.

Destiny Bryan, a Tuolumne County native, graduated from Theodore Bird High School in 2024. She studied criminology and emergency response management at the Institute of Technology, graduating in April 2026. During her studies, she gained essential knowledge and skills for a career in law enforcement. Destiny joined the Police Explorer Post in February 2026 to further develop her skills and pursue a career in policing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

CORE COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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