



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 15, 2024
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Introduction of Community Service Officer

RECOMMENDATION

Introduction and Swearing in of Community Service Officer Michael DaRosa.

DISCUSSION

Michael DaRosa tested for this position on February 7, 2024, and meets all the requirements to work as a Community Service Officer. He comes to us from a family deeply rooted in first responders and military veterans who surrounded him with a culture of service from a young age.

Despite his upbringing in a firefighter family, Michael states he has always been drawn to law enforcement. He realized this calling during a school field trip to the Modesto Police Department, where he was lucky enough to sit in a sleek Crown Victoria Police Interceptor and allowed to play with the sirens. With a law enforcement career set in his sights, Michael pursued various opportunities such as a Police Explorer with Modesto PD, training Police K9s at Top Dog Training and Consulting, and later joining the Army National Guard as a Military Police Officer.

Michael said that when he saw the Sonora Police Community Service Officer job opening, he had a feeling that it was meant to be. He declares he is happily employed at the Sonora Police Department, where he is determined to pursue his dream of becoming a Police Officer. He also noted that each day, he wakes up excited to go to work, cherishing the camaraderie among his coworkers and finding fulfillment in serving his new community.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as this position was previously funded.