



MEMORANDUM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** August 10, 2021
FROM: Leah Rosasco, Senior Administrative Aide
BY: Leah Rosasco, Senior Administrative Aide
SUBJECT: Justin Lawrie, Eagle Scout Project

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation recognizing Justin Lawrie, Boy Scout Troop 435 of Rocklin, on the successful completion of his Eagle Scout Project.

BACKGROUND

Justin Lawrie of Boy Scout Troop 435 of Rocklin constructed a new pedestal for the fire bell at South Placer Fire Protection District Station 18 for his Eagle Scout project. The fire bell had been in storage for more than 30 years and as a result of Justin's work it is now on display at the fire station. The time and effort that went into the project are a testament to Justin's work ethic and dedication to his community.

To complete this project Justin created a Go Fund Me page to raise funds and worked with South Placer Fire District staff and the contractors to design the project and secure materials. The project included coordinating multiple components, including moving the heavy cast steel bell out of storage to be refinished and placed at the site, finding contractors to do specific work including concrete work, masonry and powder coating, and managing the budget for the project. Additionally, Justin and fellow members of Troop 435 donated their time and effort to the project, removing approximately one yard of dirt from the site to prepare for the project.

The attached commendation recognizes Justin for his hard work in completing his Eagle Scout project and his commitment to his community.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

Commendation

IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING JUSTIN LAWRIE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE RESTORATION AND SUBSEQUENT DEDICATION OF THE HISTORIC FIRE NOTIFICATION BELL OF THE LOOMIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Justin Lawrie of Boy Scout Troop 435 of Rocklin initiated and organized the Fire Bell Restoration Project at Station 18 in Loomis for his Eagle Scout project. Justin, a 17-year-old senior at Granite Bay High School, plans to be a firefighter someday and wanted his Eagle Scout project to benefit a fire station in his community; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020 Justin commenced working with the South Placer Fire Protection District to identify a project worthy of an Eagle Scout and thereupon decided on the construction of a pedestal to display the bell in front of fire station number 18 in the Town of Loomis and;

WHEREAS, Justin liberated the bell from its more than 30-year silence and coordinated its restoration and placement at the site. This project required Justin to manage many components including moving the heavy cast steel bell out of storage to be refinished and placed at the site, finding contractors to do specific work including concrete work, masonry and powder coating, and managing the budget for the project; and

WHEREAS, Justin created a Go Fund Me page to collect donations for the project and worked with South Placer Fire Protection District staff and construction professionals to design the pedestal for the bell. In preparation for the placement of the bell Justin and fellow members of Troop 435 removed approximately one yard of dirt from the project site; and

WHEREAS, before sophisticated radio systems were introduced, the bell was used to notify volunteer firefighters that there was an emergency. Upon hearing the bell the volunteers would meet at the fire station and head to the scene of the fire or emergency. After decades in storage, and due to the hard work and dedicated service of Justin Lawrie, the restored fire bell was officially dedicated on June 19, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held August 10, 2021, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County. The Board of Supervisors acknowledge with great appreciation the exceptional community service of Justin Lawrie.

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