



**July and August
Work Anniversaries!**



July First Year Anniversaries

- Abigail Hipp, Recreation Assistant
- Brian Nelson, Streets Operations Tech III
- Bryce Winter, Firefighter
- Carson Ventura, Police Officer
- Darrin Talawepi, Police Officer
- Emily Klinger, Library Specialist
- Greyson Halik, Airport OPS/ARFF Specialist
- Hayden Butler, Firefighter
- Jessica Matias, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
- Joshua Conway, Recreation Coordinator II
- Joshua Linam, Senior Procurement Specialist
- Linda Kucera, Lifeguard
- Mariano Rodriguez, Equipment Operator II
- Matthew Bracken, Property Control Coordinator
- Neko Antoni Hernandez, Firefighter
- Sean Girvin, Public Records Tech
- Tanor Loosle, Firefighter
- Tiyahna Calvert, Lifeguard
- Tracy Boyer, Library Associate Temp

August First Year Anniversaries

- Aslyn Wright, Library Specialist
- Brian Imai, Desktop Technician I
- Cooper Earley, Rink Guard
- Daniel Soldier Petite, Police Officer
- Dax Clapp, Water Services Operator II
- Gina Graziano, Recreation Instructor II
- Hailey Manning, Police Records Technician
- Heather Plouffe, Police Emergency Communications Specialist
- Heather Valdez, Recreation Assistant
- Janice Sanders, Police Emergency Communications Specialist
- Jillian Kane, Police Emergency Communications Specialist
- Lisa Lau, Senior Budget Analyst
- Logan Hunt, Rink Guard
- Mark Marotta, Public Works Supervisor
- Matthew Mansfield, Sr. Assistant City Attorney III
- Rosemary Steinwand, Recreation Leader I
- Ryan Saxby, Human Resources and Risk Management Director
- Scott Davis, Maintenance Worker I
- Serena Rodriguez, Police Emergency Communications Specialist
- Yvonne Vieau, Deputy City Prosecutor

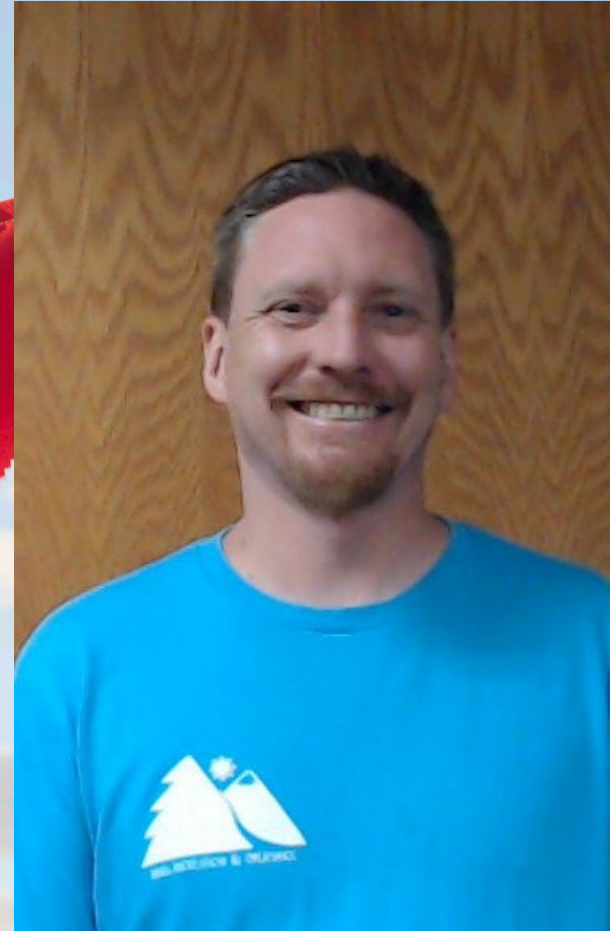
Five Year Anniversary

Tanner Caputo
Firefighter



Five Year Anniversary

David Carolus
Recreation Coordinator II



Five Year Anniversary

Dalton Lasley
Police Officer



Five Year Anniversary

Warner Locke
Library Clerk Temp



Five Year Anniversary

Chase Patton
Police Officer



Five Year Anniversary

Dione Paul
Housing Services Specialist



Five Year Anniversary

Sarah Tsosie
Library Clerk Temp



Five Year Anniversary

Dale Williams
Cyber Security Analyst II



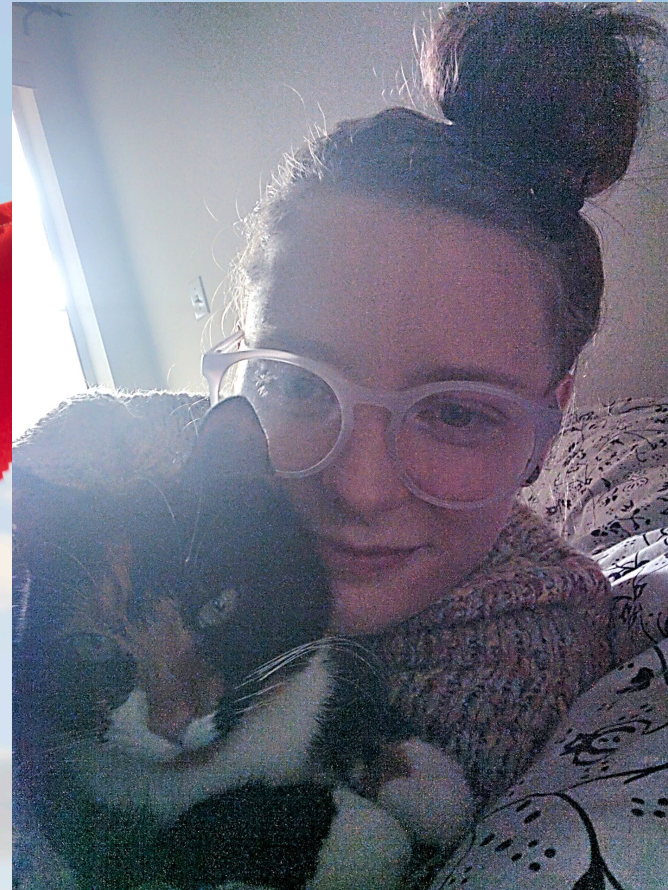
Five Year Anniversary

Ronald Christy
Rink Guard



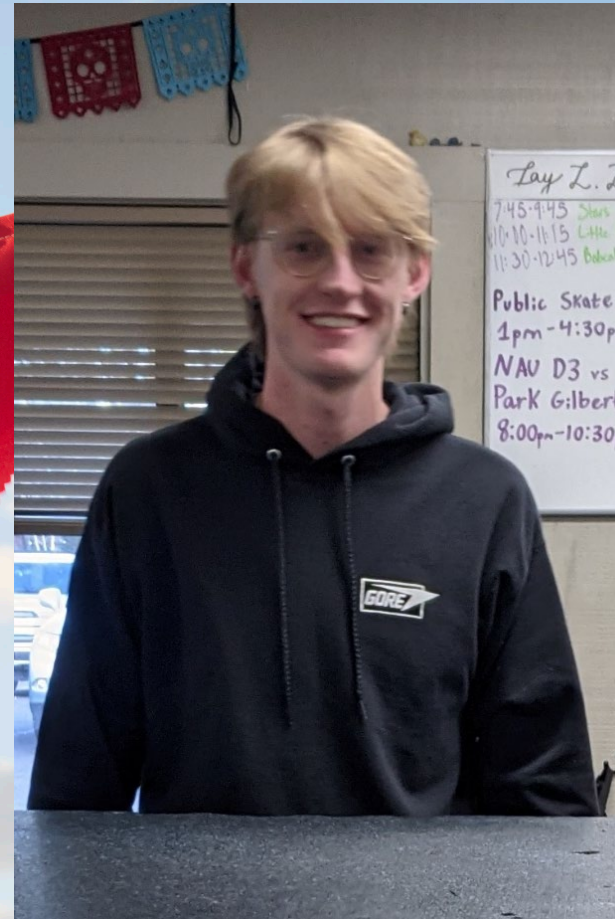
Five Year Anniversary

Tamara Guillory
Library Clerk Temp



Five Year Anniversary

Riley Leeds
Recreation Leader II



Five Year Anniversary

Kristi Luedde
Library Page Temp



Five Year Anniversary

Lisa Talayumptewa
Visitor Services Specialist



Ten Year Anniversary

Gary Crosby
Recreation Official I



Ten Year Anniversary

Lori Pappas
Marketing and Media
Relations Manager



Ten Year Anniversary



Charles Adornetto
On-Call Magistrate



Ten Year Anniversary



Thomasina Tsinnie

Library Clerk



Fifteen Year Anniversary

Fox Gemberling
Equipment Operator III



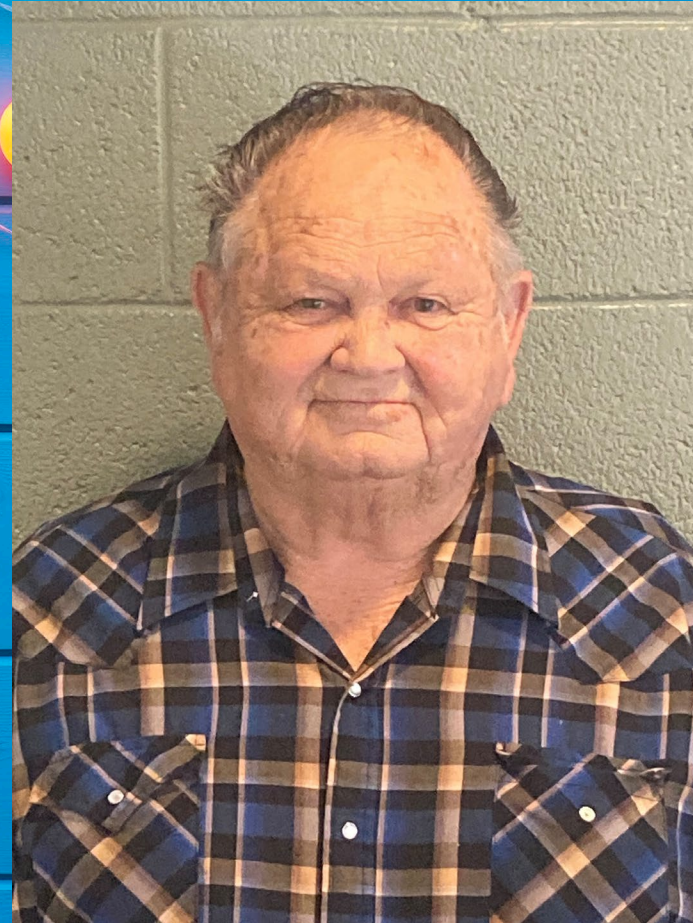
Fifteen Year Anniversary

Karen Henderson
Recreation Leader I



Fifteen Year Anniversary

Anthony Miller
Recreation Leader I



Fifteen Year Anniversary

CJ Perry
Chief Information Officer



Twenty Year Anniversary

Greg Krahe

Public Works Manager

Greg has been a stellar long-standing leader in Public Works, whose devotion to our team and commitment to providing highest level of community service has excelled him to where he is today. Greg's professional success derives from his very strategic planning and coordination along with his attention to detail. Greg always goes above and beyond to support everyone around him and is respected by all who have worked with him.

Greg has built the next generation of Streets leaders with these same qualities over the past decade who are taking the Streets Section into the future. One of my greatest honors has been to serve with and support Greg as he builds this new generation of core service providers.

Thank you, Greg, for everything you have and continue to do for your team and this community.



Twenty Year Anniversary

Rhonda Lomakema

Court Judicial Specialist II

Rhonda Lomakema began her service with the Flagstaff Municipal Court in July 2006, and over the past two decades she has grown into her role as Court Judicial Specialist II through consistent excellence and dedication. Rhonda is known for her exceptional work in case initiation and her willingness to take on a wide range of responsibilities that keep our court running smoothly.

She is a deeply valued member of the Court Services Department, respected not only for her knowledge, but also for the positivity and care she brings to her work each day. The court sincerely appreciates Rhonda's commitment and the meaningful impact she has had throughout her 20 years of service.

Outside of work, Rhonda enjoys time with her family, especially her grandchildren, who brighten her life.

Congratulations, Rhonda, on this remarkable 20-year milestone. We are grateful for everything you contribute and proud to celebrate this achievement with you.



Twenty Year Anniversary

Kyle Denham
Deputy Fire Chief

Battalion Chief Kyle Denham is a Deputy Chief assigned to our Community Risk Reduction division. His responsibilities include Wildfire Management and Fire Prevention.

Kyle has long demonstrated his commitment to the community and department members. As a former labor leader for the United Flagstaff Firefighters, Kyle was instrumental in helping fire department leadership navigate the very difficult times of the pandemic era. He has progressed through the ranks in various roles including a shift Battalion Chief and the Training Chief. Kyles has continued his professional development journey to his current assignment as a Deputy Chief. Chief Denham brings a steady, solution-oriented leadership style marked by inclusion. The FFD is fortunate to have leaders like Kyle.



Twenty Year Anniversary

Mike Felts

Fire Battalion Chief EMT

Battalion Chief Mike Felts is being recognized for 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Flagstaff and the Flagstaff Fire Department. Since joining FFD in 2006, Mike has served as a Firefighter, Engineer, Captain/Paramedic, Acting Battalion Chief, and, in December 2025, was promoted to Battalion Chief assigned to B Shift. Throughout his career, Mike has been a leader in innovation and service, managing the department's apparatus program, helping develop and implement Flagstaff's CARE Unit, and presenting the program nationally at the International Association of Fire Chiefs conference. His contributions have earned him the City Manager's Agassiz Award, the Aspen Award for his work with the CARE Unit, and recognition for his response during the Tunnel Fire. Mike has also served as a FOLP Coach and Blue Card Instructor, participated in the XPRIZE Wildfire competition, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2024. Most importantly, Mike is a devoted husband and proud father of two daughters. We congratulate Battalion Chief Mike Felts on 20 years of outstanding service and thank him and his family for their commitment to the Flagstaff community.



Twenty-Five Year Anniversary

Jared Saylor
Fire Captain

Congratulations to Captain Jared Saylor for an outstanding 25 years of dedicated service to our fire department and our community. Throughout his career, he has consistently gone above and beyond the responsibilities of his position, serving as a mentor, teacher, leader, and advocate for both the department and the public. Early in his career, he took on the role of our public education program manager. In this role, he was instrumental in teaching local elementary school children about fire safety—sometimes quite literally putting on a show, as he and fellow firefighters dressed as clowns (stage name “Buzz”) to bring important safety lessons to life in a fun and memorable way. His commitment to the department is reflected in his many additional contributions, including training crews, serving as an academy instructor, participating on the awards and uniform committees, coordinating engineer pump testing, and responding to wildland fire callouts. Beyond the fire department, he has demonstrated the same commitment to service as a member of the YMCA Board of Directors. Today, he continues to contribute his knowledge and experience by overseeing our Personal Protective Equipment program, ensuring our firefighters have safe, compliant, and dependable gear. Captain Saylor’s 25 years of service represent a remarkable commitment to excellence, leadership, and community, and we are proud to recognize and thank him for all he has done for our department and the people we serve.



Twenty-Five Year Anniversary

Matt Turner
Fire Captain

The Flagstaff Fire Department proudly recognizes Captain Matt Turner for 25 years of dedicated service to the department and the community. Throughout his career, Matt has been a steady, dependable, and highly valued member of the FFD. He has been instrumental in advancing technology throughout the department and has served as the FFD's Subject Matter Expert for mobile and portable radio systems for decades. His involvement in technology extends well beyond radios and includes Mobile Data Computers (MDCs), CradlePoint, electronic patient care reporting (ePCR), data reporting and entry, station toning, First Arriving, and drones. His knowledge, willingness to embrace new technology, and commitment to improving department operations have made a lasting impact on the organization.

Captain Turner currently serves as the FFD's 40-hour Logistics/Support Services Captain, overseeing station repair and maintenance, new apparatus equipment, and administrative collaboration with FFD managers regarding personal protective equipment. His ability to combine technical expertise, operational experience, and logistical oversight reflects the diverse skill set he has developed throughout 25 years of service. We are extremely grateful for Matt's dedication to the Flagstaff Fire Department and the community, and we sincerely appreciate the knowledge, experience, dependability, and wide range of skills he continues to bring to our team.



Twenty Year Anniversary

Collin Seay

Deputy Police Chief

For twenty years, this Deputy Chief has shown up with passion, purpose, and a deep commitment to serving his community—taking on just about every assignment the department could throw at him (and probably a few that required someone tall enough to reach them). From patrol to leadership, he's done it all, proving that versatility, grit, and a pretty commanding presence are part of his DNA.

His greatest strengths are his connection with people and his relentless drive for continual improvement—both in himself and in those around him. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, he brings professionalism, perspective, and the kind of steady leadership that makes people naturally fall in line—sometimes because they want to, and sometimes because...well, have you seen him?

Off duty, he's either passionately backing the Phoenix Suns (through thick, thin, and heartbreak), sharpening his edge in competitive firearms shooting, or spending time with his family—often out in their side-by-side, where he still somehow manages to look like he's in command of the terrain.

Twenty years of service isn't just a milestone—it's a legacy of strength, leadership, and a presence you can't miss in a room—or on a scene. We're better because of it, and fortunately for us, he's not done yet.



Twenty Year Anniversary

Jared Wotasik Police Officer

Detective Jared Wotasik joined the Flagstaff Police Department in 2006 and attended the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy, graduating with Class #21. During the academy, he was commended for his performance and received the Physical Fitness Award. After completing field training, he was assigned to the Patrol Division, where he excelled and took on specialized roles as a Phlebotomist and a member of the Collision Reconstruction Team. In 2009 Jared was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as a Detective Rotator. In November 2011, Jared was promoted to Corporal/Detective and transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division. He quickly became a highly proficient investigator, handling numerous complex cases and earning several commendations for his work.

In 2015, Jared successfully completed the rigorous Certified Forensic Computer Examiner certification, becoming one of the few active computer forensic investigators in Northern Arizona. He joined the SWAT team in 2016 and was recognized as the Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year. In 2017, he was part of the detective team that received the City Manager's Award for their efforts in managing multiple high profile and demanding homicide investigations. Jared has also served as a member of the Bomb Squad since 2019 and is a seasoned drone operator.

Jared is an active instructor at the High Country Training Academy and serves as a mentor within the Criminal Investigations Division, where he is frequently sought out for his guidance and expertise. Additionally, he contributes to the City's Employee Advisory Committee, Fleet Committee, and Class and Comp Team, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to the organization. Over the years, Jared has selflessly contributed to numerous projects and programs aimed at improving the department.

Jared is known for his strong work ethic, meticulous attention to detail, victim centered approach to investigations, and dedication to the overall wellness of his colleagues. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family and is an avid fisherman.



Twenty-Five Year Anniversary

Shawn Knott Police Officer

Shawn Knott was hired by the Flagstaff Police Department on August 19, 2001, and he has served in various roles within the department during his 25-year career so far. Shawn is an extremely talented police officer who has focused his entire career on crime reduction and the reduction of victimization. As a patrol officer, he was a squad leader for field activity and service to the community. He served on specialty squads where he excelled as a DUI investigator. Shawn held numerous certifications in DUI enforcement to include being a drug recognition expert, and he also taught this very challenging discipline.

Shawn served for many years in the criminal investigations division where he was the lead case agent on numerous large felony cases. Shawn is a recipient of the FPD Lifesaving Award, the Veteran of Foreign War (VFW) Officer of the year award in 2013, and the 2017 City Manager Award of Excellence.

Shawn has recently returned to serve in the patrol division which has been a huge benefit to the department and community. He has been a mentor to many of the young officers at the department, and he has shown them many of the skills he has learned during a very fruitful career. He also gets to work in patrol with his son, Carson Knott, who is a very successful officer for the agency. Shawn is an officer who always volunteers his time to assist with extra work assignments, and the agency can always depend on him to go above and beyond for the city of Flagstaff. We are so proud to have Shawn as a member of our department, and we are looking forward to the next ventures in his policing career.



Twenty-Five Year Anniversary

Nicholas Rullman

Library Supervisor

A quarter of a century ago, Nick Rullman started work at the Library as a temporary Page. Over the years he has worn many hats, stepping into various roles and mastering the ins and outs of our library system. He has been the Circulation Supervisor for over ten years, anchoring the department with his deep expertise and steady leadership. Nick truly leads by example. He is known throughout the library for his readiness to help, always stepping up to support patrons and colleagues alike. He has a knack for solving practical problems and keeps our library running smoothly. His resourcefulness and dedication inspire everyone around him to bring their best to work every day. Plus, he's an A+ mushroom hunter!



Congratulations!

