

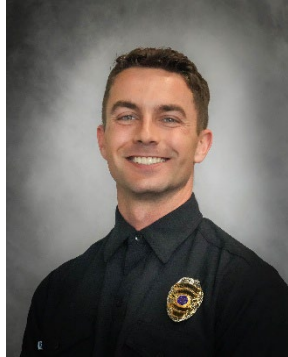


FROM THE DESK OF
FIRE CHIEF BRAD BRADLEY

MEMORANDUM NUMBER 25-057

DATE: March 21, 2025
TO: All NWFD Team Members
FROM: Fire Chief Brad Bradley
SUBJECT: Congratulations to the 2024-01 Firefighter Recruit Academy

Please join me in congratulating these twenty-one (21) Firefighters on their graduation from the 2024-01 Northwest Fire District Firefighter Recruit Academy and wishing them all great success in their new roles!



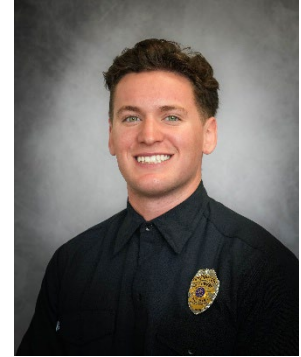
Michael Archie
Station 36C

Michael is a Tucson native and former Cienega football player. He has a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from NAU and served for six years in the U.S. Navy. His wife Kristin encouraged him to pursue his dream of becoming a firefighter. They are the parents of one son.



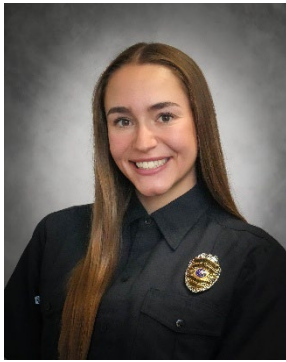
Bodhi Bernal
Station 30A

Bodhi graduated from Catalina Foothills High School. He worked as a farrier for four years prior to joining the academy and loved every minute of it. For those who don't know, a farrier shapes, fits, and trims horseshoes. He is excited about achieving his goal of becoming a firefighter.



Joseph (JD) Dyer
Station 30C

JD grew up in Colorado and moved to AZ to be near his brothers. He enjoys spending time at the lake with his family, especially his nephew Malachai. He also enjoys baseball, bowling, and going to the gym. Prior to joining the academy, he served for four years in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Melissa Grider
Station 34A

Melissa is from Vancouver, WA. She graduated from the U of A where she studied biology and Spanish. Her hobbies include fitness, outdoor sports, and spending time with family. She was raised to work hard and hopes to bring that mentality to NWFD.



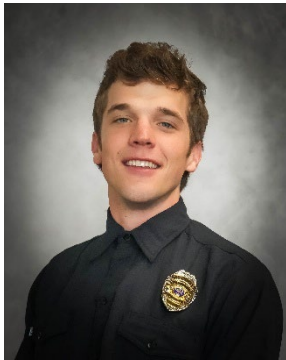
Mason Jennings
Station 31B

Mason was born in Bellevue, WA. He ran cross country at Sabino High School. Prior to joining the academy, he started a successful landscaping company. He has also worked as a trailer maintenance technician. He loves math, reading, sports cars, and Call of Duty.



Jatty Kisner
Station 38A

Jatty loves learning and has worked many side jobs including yard work, gardening, pool maintenance, and construction. These jobs gave him diverse skills and taught him to be a problem-solver. He is friendly and outgoing and enjoys soccer, boxing, and outdoor activities.



Trent Lafferty
Station 31C

Trent was born and raised in Marana. He is a Master HVAC technician. He has also worked as an electrician assistant. Trent has attended college working toward a degree in business management. He loves snowboarding.



Angel Ledezma
Station 34C

Angel is the oldest of five siblings. He played college football in Minnesota and loves strength training. He and his wife just bought their first home and are expecting their first child. He loves walks on the beach, singing, and petting dogs.



James Llanes
Station 33B

James grew up in Tucson as the fourth of five boys. He attended Sunnyside High School where he played multiple sports, excelled in music, and played multiple instruments. Prior to joining the academy, he worked in the security industry. He is skilled in martial arts and defensive training.



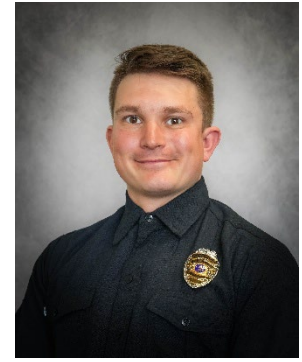
Joseph Martinez
Station 31A

Joseph is from NM where he played football in high school and at Eastern New Mexico University. Prior to joining the academy, he worked as a welder/fabricator repair tech. His hobbies include snowboarding, fishing, kayaking, and hiking.



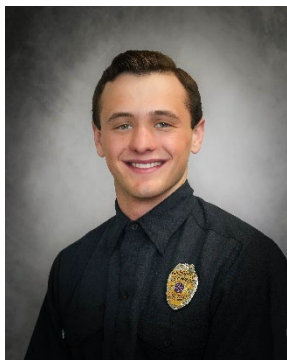
Angel Melendrez
Station 37C

Angel was born in CA but grew up mostly in AZ. He served in the U.S. Army for four years. He is family-oriented and worked as a painter in a family business. He most recently worked as a Firefighter/EMT with Picture Rocks Fire. He enjoys watching sports, fishing, running, and bike riding.



Riley Midock
Station 34B

Riley was raised in Ohio but moved to Tucson to be closer to family. He has worked as an EMT with AMR for nine years. He is a Cleveland sports fan and an outdoors enthusiast and loves camping, fishing, and hunting. He is a dog lover and lives with his dog Zona.



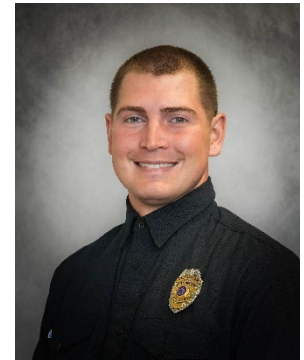
David Parrin
Station 30B

David was born and raised in northwest Tucson where he played football and track and field in high school. He loves running, working out at the gym, spending time with family, and watching football. He earned his EMT in 2023 and loves the EMS portion of healthcare.



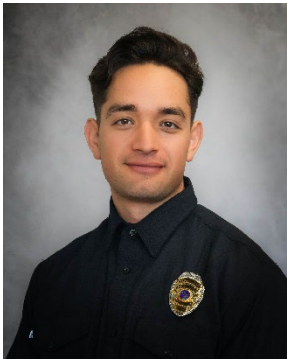
Lane Phillips
Station 36A

Lane is from Globe, AZ. He is married and has a dog named Jasmine. Prior to joining the academy, he served for five years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He loves the Cardinals, Mexican food, golf, and a good homemade salsa. He also loves hunting, fishing, and playing sports.



Christian Remington
Station 38B

Christian was born and raised in Tucson. Prior to joining the academy, he worked as a Firefighter/EMT with Avra Valley Fire. He is a Green Bay Packers fan and enjoys basketball, video games, and movies. He likes visiting new places, trying new restaurants, and learning and using new skills.



Ruben Saavedra
Station 37B

Ruben has been in the fire service for four years as a Firefighter/Paramedic with Rio Rico Fire. Prior to that, he worked as an EMT with AMR and Pima County. He enjoys working out, working on his car, and playing music. He is always looking for ways to improve his skills or learn something new.



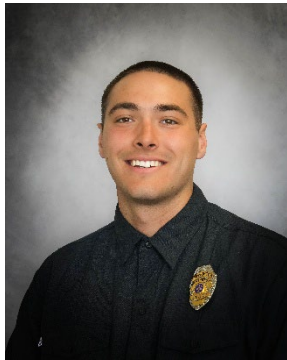
Austin Shape
Station 33C

Austin is from Colorado. After high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he served for four years. He then re-enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served for three years. Austin loves sports, riding his motorcycle, and snowboarding. His favorite teams are the Broncos and the Yankees.



Dylon Vaughn
Station 38C

Dylon grew up in Tucson. He is married and has a son and two dogs. Prior to joining the academy, Dylan was a Firefighter for Drexel Heights Fire. He has also worked as a welder/fabricator. He enjoys riding BMX, working out, spending time with family, and building things.



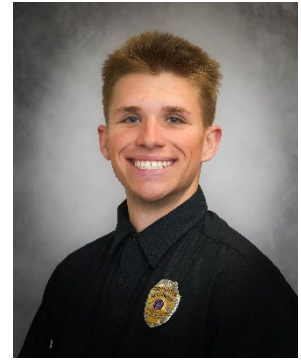
Levi White
Station 36B

Levi was born and raised in Tucson and grew up playing baseball and football. He played baseball at Ironwood Ridge High School and Pima and GateWay Community Colleges. In college, he worked toward a degree in business administration.



Brayden Willour
Station 33A

Brayden was raised by hard-working parents who taught him to work and appreciate the value of family. He has worked as a bow tech at two local archery shops. His hobbies include hunting, fly fishing, archery, running, and working on his truck.



Christopher Wright
Station 37A

Christopher attended Mountain View High School and Pima Community College. Prior to joining the academy, he worked as an EMT for AMR and as a Firefighter/EMT with Avra Valley Fire. His hobbies include camping and hunting.