

Lead Equipment Mechanic Evan Rodriguez receives this month's City Manager Leadership Award

City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison presented the City Manager's Leadership Award for the month of December to Lead Equipment Mechanic Evan Rodriguez.

"I was impressed to learn that Evan has created an atmosphere and culture of excellence and customer service by cross training other members of his team on how to repair public safety apparatus and other vehicles in the fleet," Farrell Harrison said. "This allows our staff to expand their knowledge base and skill sets to better serve our customers. I am grateful for his dedication and am thrilled to give him this award."

As the Lead Mechanic, Evan consistently exceeds expectations in his role while being focused in building a team of skilled mechanics who support all City Departments. His attention to detail, problem-solving skills, and ability to meet deadlines have been instrumental in the success of Equipment Maintenance

Rodriguez is a great collaborator and always willing to help his colleagues. He's a big believer in cross-training which allows for the sharing of knowledge about all City equipment and helps the entire Equipment Maintenance team grow their expertise. Rodriguez strongly encourages all the mechanics to attend training.

He's always looking for ways to improve and brings in new ideas. His proactive approach has boosted efficiency and productivity within our team. Rodriguez's positive and can-do attitude is contagious. He maintains a high level of

confidence and professionalism, even during challenging times.

Some specific examples of Rodriquez's accomplishments are successfully leading the team of mechanics developing and implementing a new way of approaching Fire apparatus maintenance. This has been accomplished through in-house cross-training and encouraging staff to attend state certified Fire Mechanic classes. Due to these efforts, along with Rodriquez's approachable style, the City now has multiple mechanics that are able to address the unique demands of the Fire Dept.

Rodriquez's commitment to providing excellent customer service has resulted in numerous positive reports, increased the reliability of our vehicles and equipment and has demonstrated an increased level of professionalism of Equipment Maintenance.

Rodriquez is a recent father so hasn't had much free time lately but does enjoy listening to music and spending time with his family.