

Mayor's Monthly Message: January 2019

I'd like to begin by congratulating Sergeant Klix for her graduation from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Academy. To date, only two FBI graduates serve on our police force, Police Chief Dan Hughes and Sergeant Klix. She is the first officer selected from the Town of Florence. Each participant must go through a vetting process, which goes up to the FBI Director's office for approval. This is quite an honor as of the 800,000 police officers nationwide, Sgt. Klix was one of the few selected to attend the FBI Academy. The course is a ten week management course set up for executive law enforcement personnel who will become command officers. It covers a variety of topics, which are authenticated by the University of Virginia. Some of the topics included: counter-terrorism, law enforcement image, and contemporary police issues and challenges for leadership.

On January 3, 2019 our council held a local retreat that was open to the public. Each Councilmember introduced ourselves and provided a brief synopsis of our background. An ice breaker was completed that dealt with self-awareness, work styles, and team work. Discussion occurred on each of our style and what the positives and not so positives are for each style. Another activity was to envision what a perfect day of Florence would be like in which each Councilmember described our vision of a perfect Florence. During the session, many items were communicated. One program that is coming together nicely is a One Stop Shop Program. The focus is upon business retention, expansion, business training, coordinating with the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce regarding Main Street, coordinating with the Industrial Development Authority and property management for the Town. As a council, we have many exciting planning and projects ahead! 😊

To find additional upcoming events and activities, please visit our Town website: www.florenceaz.gov. Looking ahead, if you have a teen, you want to mark their calendars for February 23, 2019. This is the 3rd Annual Teen Leadership Symposium will be held at the Florence Library and Community Center. There will be four well-known speakers at this event. As always stay safe and enjoy! 😊

Sincerely,

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