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Information Technology

What do you do:
I am an infrastructure engineer. I manage and improve our IT infrastructure, as well as assist city of Goodyear application teams with day-to-day operations and continuous improvements.

Where did you work before:
CSAA (AAA Insurance).

Favorite thing about working for the city:
I enjoy the diversity of the work for the city. In my past experience working in IT, I work in a cubicle for eight hours a day, but I get out and travel to different site locations in my role at the city.

Favorite core value:
Adaptability. Situations and scenarios change - you can have a thorough plan and reality will throw you a curve ball. You have to be able to adjust and stay focused on the target.

What do you like to do for fun:
Recently, I have picked up off-roading. Responsible off-roading. On Nov. 13, **Keep Our Desert Clean** will be hosting a clean up at Robbins Butte recreation site in Buckeye. Check out their website or social sites for more information. Tell them Seguro sent you.

Fun Facts

What did you want to be when you grew up:
When I was a wee lad, I wanted to be an astronaut.

Favorite movie:
There are so many good movies. I'm going to go with gut-wrenching *Life Is Beautiful.*

Next on your bucket list:
I am going to enter the Ultimate Adventure, an annual event held in different parts of the country. It's a week long of 1 day on the road, 1 day off-road. You cover thousands of miles and multiple states, and you have to be able to fix your truck if it breaks down on the trail!

Favorite quote:
"The keys to life are running and reading. When you're running, there's a little person that talks to you and says, 'Oh I'm tired. My lung's about to pop. I'm so hurt. There's no way I can possibly continue.' You want to quit. If you learn how to defeat that person when you're running, you will discover how to keep going when things get hard in life. For reading, there are gazillions of people who have lived before all of us. There's no new problem that someone hasn't already had and written about in a book."

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