



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Sergeant Jamie L. Smith Named 2008 Vienna Optimist Club's Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Award Recipient



On July 16, 2008 the Vienna Optimist Club held a banquet to honor their 2008 Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Enforcement Award recipients at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna. Sergeant Jamie L. Smith was chosen as the Town of Vienna Police Department Optimist Club's 2008 winner. This award is given annually to one Vienna Police officer and one Fairfax County Police Officer after having been nominated by their respective commanders.

Sergeant Smith is a 23 year veteran of the Vienna Police Department. During his career, he has served in many different capacities. He started out, as all officers do, in the Patrol Division and handled routine assignments and calls. He later competed for and was awarded a position within a regional narcotics group and served with officers from other agencies. This assignment was an undercover narcotic enforcement position which required much sacrifice on the part of his family due to the long, odd, and continuous hours required of an officer serving in this capacity.

Sergeant Smith is also an expert in the field of Driving While Intoxicated enforcement (DWI). He is a 12 time recipient of the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) award and has taken on a leadership role in assisting younger officers with DWI arrests, processing, and prosecutions. In addition to making the arrests, Sergeant Smith is also one of a limited number of Intoxilyzer 5000 operators within Virginia. The Intoxilyzer is a regionally placed device owned by the state and used to analyze the breath of a subject after being arrested on suspicion of DWI to determine their blood alcohol content. Several agencies in addition to Town of Vienna police officers come to use the device with Sergeant Smith's assistance at Vienna Police Headquarters.

In addition to these responsibilities, Sergeant Smith is in charge of a complete squad of patrol officers on a daily basis. He is also an armorer for the department and services and repairs the issued Glock .40 caliber handguns carried by all officers. He also qualifies officers within the department on a quarterly basis to ensure they are able to perform well with their firearms.

Pictured above from left to right: Councilwoman Maud Robinson, Sergeant Jamie L. Smith, and Chief Robert A. Carlisle.

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