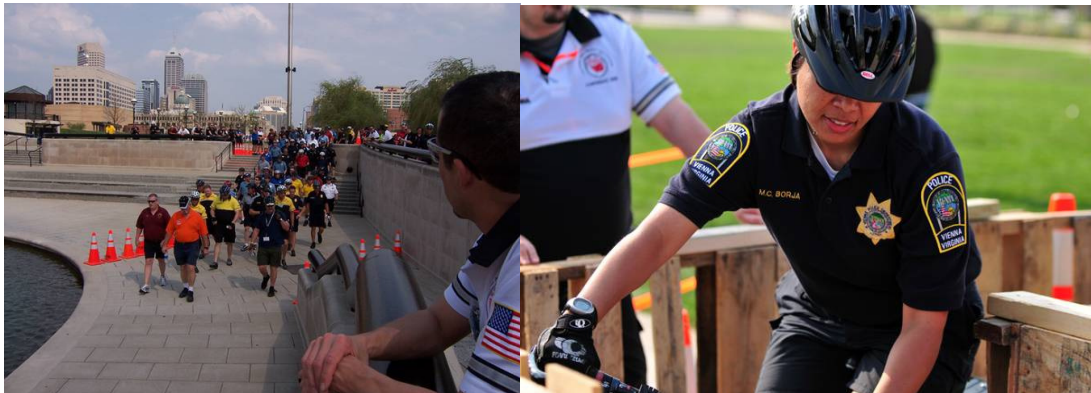




Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Bicycle Officer Wins Competition



MPO Melissa Borja of the Town of Vienna Police Department recently competed in the 2008 IPMBA Competition. IPMBA is an acronym for International Police Mountain Bike Association. The competition was the highlight of the 2008 IPMBA Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Officers from all around the nation gather each year to learn about new policing strategies and techniques, and to share ideas relative to policing on a bicycle. MPO Borja serves as the lead officer for the Vienna Police Bicycle Unit. She ensures the bicycles are adequately maintained and also instructs new riders from area departments during a rigorous two week training course.

The competition consisted of riding down a flight of stairs, up another set of stairs, making a tight left turn, a U-turn through a cone course, and then a sprint into a tight S-turn. From there she had to serpentine through another cone course, hop up on to a platform, negotiate a third very tight cone course, ride her bike over three railroad ties and perform another sprint to the finish.

Of the 75 riders participating in the event, MPO Borja finished first in her class for women and finished well ahead of over half the males participating in the event.

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