



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Sergeant Michael A. Reeves named American Legion Officer of the Year



On May 7, 2008 the American Legion Post 180 in Vienna, Virginia held a ceremony and dinner to honor its 2008 Vienna Officer of the Year. This year's recipient was Sergeant Michael A. Reeves.

Sergeant Reeves is a 21 year veteran of the Vienna Police Department and has served in many capacities. He has worked as a Narcotics Officer, Detective, and is currently in charge of the Traffic Section. His current position requires him to handle the number one issue concerning most residents; traffic. Sergeant Reeves supervises the Vienna Police Motorcycle Squad which consists of specially trained officers enforcing various traffic laws while riding the motorcycle. He must also attend various civic meetings and respond to citizen concerns in this area.

Sergeant Reeves is also a composite sketch artist for the agency. As a composite artist he interviews victims and witnesses of various crimes and assists them in putting together a penciled likeness of the perpetrator. Using specific skills learned during training as well as his own artistic abilities, he is able to draw out certain features from the witnesses. This then helps him build a similar likeness of the suspect which can then be distributed for identification on wanted posters or through the media.

In addition to his regular duties, Sergeant Reeves serves as an instructor for the Rape Aggression Defense program (R.A.D.). R.A.D. is a women's self defense program offered by the Town and taught by certified police officers as well as many dedicated volunteers. Sergeant Reeves has had the distinct pleasure of role playing as a "bad guy" and been the recipient of many a devastating blow from class participants.

Sergeant Reeves also serves in the Vienna Police Department's Honor Guard Unit. This unit attends significant events which occur in the area and presents the "Colors". The Colors presentation is a ceremony in which several officers, dressed in highly polished attire, march in and present the American Flag, State Flag, and the Department's Flag. Typically this is followed by the National Anthem or other tributes to America which kick off the events.

Sergeant Reeves is one of our most decorated officers and has served the Vienna community with professionalism and dedication since 1987.

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