



**Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department
Media Information Release**

**The Rotary Club Presents the
Rotarian M. Jane Seeman "Service Above Self"
Employee of the Year Award**



(Pictured from Left to Right Deputy Chief Daniel Janickey, PFC John Sterling)

On April 20, 2022, PFC John Sterling received the 2021 Rotary Club of Vienna Rotarian M. Jane Seeman "Service Above Self" award. He was presented with the award at the Westwood Country Club at a banquet to honor public servants of the Town of Vienna.

This award is given annually to a member of the Vienna Police Department whose motivation, commitment, and service to the community exemplifies the Rotary Club's motto of "Service above Self."

PFC Sterling came to the Vienna Police Department in 2016. He brought with him over 25 years of experience with the Fairfax County Police Department, where he honed his skills as a patrol officer, undercover detective, and finally, many years as the county homicide unit supervisor.

In Vienna, PFC Sterling has become the definition of a community policing officer. He can be found all over town talking to community members and local businesses. With his booming voice and heavy Long Island accent, few people ever forget their interactions with PFC Sterling. He has been known to stop when on duty and join in games of pick hockey being played by neighborhood kids or even come in off-duty to attend a birthday party someone invited him to while working.

PFC Sterling, far and away, receives the most thank you letters from the town residents he interacts with. It is to the point where we jokingly accuse him of writing them himself and mailing them to the chief. All of these letters have a very common theme. They thank PFC Sterling for his kindness, friendliness, calm demeanor, and understanding when dealing with the town resident, no matter what the circumstances were.

With PFC Sterling's over 33 years of law enforcement experience, he serves as an amazing example to the younger officers he works with. He not only shows them what community policing is all about but when a critical incident does occur, PFC Sterling uses his vast knowledge of policing to help resolve the matter quickly and safely.

The Vienna community is lucky PFC Sterling chose the Vienna Police Department for his "retirement" job and he is very deserving of the Rotarian M. Jane Seeman Service Above Self Award.

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