



**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**



(Left to Right Mayor Linda Colbert, Sgt. Pete Elias, George Creed, Colonel James Morris, and Deputy Chief Dan Janickey)  
(Picture by Brian Trompeter/ Senior Staff Writer at Sun-Gazette)

On April 17, 2024, Sergeant Pete Elias received the 2024 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.”

Sergeant Peter Elias, a 38-year veteran of the Vienna police department, currently serves as a day-squad supervisor. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the department and its mission. Sergeant Elias has taken on a variety of roles within the department, and his dedication to excellence is evident in each one.

For many years, Sergeant Elias has been responsible for overseeing the department's fitness program, providing guidance and support to officers, and tracking their progress. His dedication to maintaining his physical fitness is an inspiration to new officers, who are encouraged to prioritize their health and well-being. Thanks to Sergeant Elias's leadership, they are well-equipped to make their contributions to the department's mission.

In addition to his role in the fitness program, Sergeant Elias has also served as the supervisor of the department's ceremonial honor guard. Despite challenges with staffing, he has consistently represented the town of Vienna and its police department at numerous events. His commitment to excellence in this role has inspired other officers to join the honor guard, and he continues to set high expectations for himself and his squad members.

Most recently, Sergeant Elias has taken on the role of training new sergeants, providing hands-on guidance and support to those assigned to night shifts. His leadership and expertise have been invaluable to the department, and he is widely respected by his colleagues for his dedication to the job. Overall, Sergeant Peter Elias is an exemplary member of the Vienna police department, and his contributions have helped to make the community a safer and more secure place.

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