



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

### **PFC Irving Rodriguez receives American Legion Police Officer of the Year Award**



Pictured above (Left): Post Commander David Wallace, (Right): Major Daniel Janickey, and (Center): PFC Irving Rodriguez, who received the American Legion Post 180's 2025 "Vienna Police Officer of the Year Award" during a ceremony on April 2.

PFC Rodriguez has built a distinguished career in law enforcement, showcasing his dedication to service and commitment to excellence. He holds certifications as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer, General Instructor, and Firearms Instructor, demonstrating versatility and leadership in each role. As a CIT Officer, he effectively deescalated situations involving individuals in mental health crises through empathy and tactical communication. His work as a General Instructor allowed him to impart critical law enforcement knowledge, while his Firearms Instructor role enhanced officer readiness and safety in challenging scenarios.

Additionally, PFC Rodriguez serves as a Field Training Officer, having mentored and guided three officers to full certification. Over twelve weeks, he provided hands-on training in officer safety, citizen interactions, investigations, traffic enforcement, and report writing, directly shaping the future of the Vienna Police Department.

One of PFC Rodriguez's most notable accomplishments was his successful de-escalation of a suicidal individual armed with a knife. By using de-escalation techniques, he and his squad ensured the individual's safe transport to medical care and prevented any harm to bystanders. This incident highlights his professionalism, courage, and dedication to safeguarding lives while fostering community trust.

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