

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 Colonel James Morris, Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, MPO Juan Vazquez, Mayor Linda Colbert, and Rotarian George Creed)

On April 23, 2025, MPO Juan Vazquez received the 2025 Rotary Club of Vienna, Rotarian M. Jane Seeman "Service Above Self Award". He was presented with the award at a banquet at the Vienna Moose Lodge 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".

As the Police Department's Public Information Officer, MPO Vazquez embraces being the face of our Department; showing up every day with a smile on his face and a positive attitude that is infectious to those around him.

Time and time again, MPO Vazquez demonstrates that he is willing to jump in and help wherever the Department needs it. From covering officers' calls for service while they are in court, to responding to assist as a Spanish translator, or creating presentations on demand for citizen outreach requests, MPO Vazquez makes himself available, often at the cost of his personal schedule. This same commitment to others is seen daily when MPO Vazquez interacts with the public. He can frequently be found at any one of our local schools, churches, or organizations educating and engaging with members of the community. MPO Vazquez embraces these opportunities and does everything in his power to never turn down an invitation to attend a community event.

MPO Vazquez's work ethic, compassion, and empathy for others is evident in the additional responsibilities he takes on. These include his experience as a RAD women's self-defense instructor, a member of the department's Peer Support team, and certification in Crisis Intervention Training.

It is for these reasons among many others that MPO Vazquez was a deserving recipient of this year's "Rotarian M. Jane Seeman Service Above Self" award.

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