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Wendy Bailey
Sgt.-at-Arms
Virginia Forensic Science Academy
Alumni Association (VFSAAA)

Dear Ms. Bailey,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Stephen K. Stockman (Steve) for the 2022 VFSAAA Dr. Paul Ferrara Award. During his seven year career as a Forensic Technician with the Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD), Steve worked many high profile cases, his efforts on at least one of which was deserving of this award in and of itself. This nomination, however, is for his career achievement in our field, which only began with his time with the VBPD.

A graduate of the 54th Session of the VFSA, Steve was hired as a Forensic Trainer with the Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS) and began teaching during the 63rd Session in 2004. He finished his career at DFS with the 106th Session in 2022. Do the math... 44 Sessions, 524 graduates! Intermixed with those classes, hundreds of short courses serving thousands of Virginia law enforcement personnel.

Over and above those statistics, there's the effort, commitment and excellence in his teaching. All evidenced by years upon years of remarkable feedback from his students.

He found ways to introduced new methods, tools and technology into the curriculum without sacrificing the time to teach the basics. And he was creative. If we needed to come up with a new idea for a short course, a mock scene or any number of other components of instruction, he had the answer in short order. Some of his best ideas kept the Training Section running and effective in a time when we could not teach classes in person... ideas which we still use to this day due to their success and popularity.

In addition, Steve took on added responsibility by serving on the VFSAAA Board of Directors as treasurer for four years.

Steve's work, I have no doubt, has made a permanent impact on the students he led, the Commonwealth's law enforcement community, and our field of crime scene investigation and forensic science.

I ask the Board of Directors to please consider Stephen K. Stockman for the 2022 Dr. Paul Ferrara Award.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. W. Dwyer".

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