



VIRGINIA FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY

Alumni Association

FORENSIC SCIENCE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the below application form and send it to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Current information on the Nominating Committee can be located at www.vfsaaa.org, or send the application to any Board member. The Board will forward the application to the committee. The application form can also be mailed to the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association, 8850 Times Dispatch Blvd. Mechanicsville, VA, 23116

Below are the guidelines for Honorary Membership as stated in our By-Laws/2024.

Section 5. Honorary Membership. An Active or Associate member may nominate for Honorary Membership any person who has performed exemplary work in the field of Forensic Science or has otherwise demonstrated worthiness by continuous contribution to the Virginia Forensic Science Academy or the law enforcement community. The nominating member will submit a completed Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association Nomination for Honorary Membership form to the Nominating Committee, as defined in Article II Section 7, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

NOMINATING MEMBER:

NAME: Jeff Dwyer _____ TITLE: Forensic Training
Manager
AGENCY: DFS
BUSINESS PHONE #: (804) 588-4144 (Include Area Code)
E-MAIL ADDRESS: jeffrey.dwyer@dfs.virginia.gov

PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

NAME: Sarah Dwyer TITLE: Sr. Latent Print Examiner
AGENCY/BUSINESS: Henrico County Police Division
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 7721 E Parham Rd, Richmond, VA 23294
BUSINESS PHONE #: (804) 501-5870 (Include Area Code)

REASON FOR NOMINATION:

Please attach a statement indicating why the person should be considered for nomination.



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June 11, 2026

To: VFSAAA Nominating Committee

Re: VFSAAA Honorary Membership Nomination for Sarah K. Dwyer

During the 81st Session of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy in the spring of 2012, Ms. Dwyer began the tradition of offering a homecooked meal to the students of Academy sessions. I can still remember how she brought up the idea... pointing out how these students have spent the last several weeks either eating out or cooking in their small hotel kitchens. Since then, she has served heaping portions of homemade spaghetti and desserts, at our home, to 28 of the 36 sessions that have attended from the spring of 2012 to the fall of 2025. Four sessions missed out due to COVID and another four, well, the timing just did not work out for the Dwyer family but the students were fed nonetheless (two cookouts hosted by the Stockman family and two dinners out hosted by the Dwyer family).

At Annual Retraining, Ms. Dwyer presented to the group in 2014 and in 2015 created the novelty T-shirt design in which she spearheaded the ordering and distribution of customized shirts commemorating the 40th anniversary of the event.

Additionally, Ms. Dwyer has been in the field of Forensic Science for 22 years beginning as an Evidence Technician with the Chesapeake Police Department. She then became a Latent Fingerprint Examiner with the Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS). While at DFS, she became the first Latent Fingerprint Examiner in Virginia to defend the science of fingerprints in a Daubert hearing in Federal Court. Also, during her time at the Central Laboratory in Richmond she took part in Academy instruction for the 76th – 82nd sessions before leaving DFS for the Henrico County Police Division as a Senior Latent Print Examiner and where she is now the County's first civilian supervisor of the AFIS Unit. Ms. Dwyer is also a Certified Latent Print Examiner through the International Association for Identification (IAI) and serves on the Board of Directors for the Chesapeake Bay Division of the IAI.

I humbly nominate Sarah K. Dwyer for honorary membership in the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association for BOTH her exemplary work in the field of forensic science and her unique continuous contributions to the Virginia Forensic Science Academy.

Sincerely,

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

Jeffrey W. Dwyer
Forensic Training Manager