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For Jones, The Awards Keep Coming!

SUFFOLK, Virginia (September 3, 2008) It's a good thing new facilities are being built at Henley Place to house our growing Suffolk Police Department – in fact, they'll probably need to build a new wing just to display the awards and honors received by Forensic Unit Supervisor Joan Jones. To her many accolades and accomplishments, Jones can now add being selected by the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association as the 2008 FVSAAA Member of the Year. Joan was selected for continually excelling in the field of Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation.

The purpose of the Association is to enhance the science and art of crime scene processing and evidence handling, to encourage the exchange of ideas and information, to strive for the development of improved technical practices, to promote the goals of the Criminal Justice System, and to encourage high professional standards of conduct by all crime scene processors. Indeed, Ms. Jones could qualify as the "poster child" for this organization, as she epitomizes all that the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Alumni Association represents.

Joan's efforts recently brought the department nationwide fame when one of her crime scenes was featured in a book published through the Scholastic Publishing company entitled, "Guilty by a Hair." The aspect of this case that made it newsworthy was that DNA was recovered from a half eaten hamburger that a robbery suspect had discarded.

Commenting on this latest honor, Chief William Freeman stated, "The award is a testament to Ms. Jones' passion, discipline and commitment to her profession."

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