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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rutland Town Police Department Senior Officer Jimmy Plakas was honored with the Robert H. Vincelette Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (LEOY) by the Vermont American Legion.

The Rutland Town Police Department is proud to announce Senior Officer Jimmy Plakas has been awarded the Robert H. Vincellete Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the Vermont American Legion for his outstanding dedication, bravery, and service to not only the Town of Rutland community, but also the entire State of Vermont. The prestigious honor was presented on June 27th, 2026, in Colchester during the Vermont American Legion convention.

Senior Officer Plakas received this distinguished award in recognition of his exemplary work for the calendar year of 2025. His work included sixty (60) Canine deployments with his partner, Corporal Rooster, which resulted in illegal drugs, guns and cash being removed from the streets. Senior Officer Plakas was awarded a grant to work directly with the Vermont Sex Offender Registry conducting statewide compliance checks and hosting trainings to state and local police agencies on compliance check investigations. Senior Officer Plakas is also an Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor at the Vermont Police Academy instructing new recruits.

From all of us at the Rutland Town Police Department, and the community at large, we thank Senior Officer Plakas for his tireless work to keeping our Town safe.