

Officer Jason Baker

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Officer Baker has been a law enforcement officer since 1999. Bluffton Police Department is a small department and officers have multiple disciplines within the agency.

Understanding the importance of training and noticing how integral domestic violence can be in the types of calls he was responding to, Officer Baker expressed an interest in becoming a family violence trainer.

He was certified to train other officers in 2005.

Although many officers are trainers, Officer Baker is able help the victim navigate through the judicial system while doing his best to maintain victim safety. He trains that same response style to the officers that he trains. If

you read a report from Officer Baker, there is no question about the trauma or intensity of the injury, both physical and emotional... His reports are so thorough

that even the batterers cannot manipulate or minimize the behavior that was evident to the officer that night.

He continually brings the voice of the victim into the equation, making sure that they are heard... He often

gives voice to those who are silenced. He trains the other officers, but more importantly, he sets examples in the way he responds and the way he investigates and reports. ¶

As a 23 year advocate, he presented one of the most powerful, concise reports that I have ever seen. It left nothing to my imagination. For these reason, I would like to nominate Officer Jason Baker for the

ICADV Law enforcement officer of the year. ¶

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