PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria government is committed to its values of respect, responsibility, teamwork, communication, diversity and leadership and has instituted a City Star! Award to honor individual employees or groups of employees who exemplify the City's Values; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to recognize an inter-departmental team of six employees including Police Department employees: Heather Reynolds, Database Administrator, Mary Craig, Supervisory Crime Analyst, and Joe Ryan, Crime Analyst and Planning and Zoning Department employees Steve Chozick, GIS Manager, Julie Kanzler, GIS Analyst, and Chandrima Pal, GIS Analyst for developing the Strategic Response System (SRS) Viewer; and

WHEREAS, when the Police Department implemented a geographic model of policing, there was a specific need for timely and accurate crime data and interactive mapping to be available to all officers; and

WHEREAS, this team was formed to address these needs, with members utilizing their collective expertise in crime analysis, database applications and geographic information systems to build a dynamic interface that would assist police commanders in deploying resources and analyzing and anticipating crime trends; and

WHEREAS, this team worked closely together for several months, adapting database and mapping technologies to successfully create and implement the SRS Viewer, a flexible, web-based application that allows crime data and calls for police services to be viewed geographically; and

WHEREAS, this team and their accomplishment saved the City approximately $100,000, the estimated cost for an outside contractor to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the SRS Viewer today permits commanders, detectives and patrol officers to create and populate their own maps with data ranging from criminal incidents, to arrests, to calls for service, and formulate an efficient public safety response accordingly; and

WHEREAS, the SRS Viewer team has been lauded by Police Chief David Baker and Planning and Zoning Director Faroll Hamer, as well as their colleagues for their partnership, innovation and determination; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council wants to recognize the SRS Viewer team for their exceptional achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim that the City Stars! Awards for the month of March be bestowed on:

"HEATHER REYNOLDS, MARY CRAIGE, JOE RYAN, STEVEN CHOZICK, JULIE KANZLER AND CHANDRIMA PAL"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of March 2008.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC  City Clerk