

# Crime...

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noted that more than 500,000 guns are stolen from homes every year. Community gun buy-backs can help reduce the number of guns available to criminals on the secondary market.

One of the best ways to combat crime in the future is reaching out to our children. Increasing early education and mentoring are excellent ways to positively influence our young people. Teaching children to read and fostering positive character development are crucial to our long-term success. *RALLY Jacksonville!*, my citywide early literacy initiative, provides plenty of opportunities for individuals to read to children at neighborhood childcare centers or schools. The Jacksonville Children's Commission partners with the Kesler Mentoring Connection to provide young people with adult mentors who are positive role models and are willing to listen and to be a friend. Kesler can help you connect with the mentoring program that's right for you.

As your mayor, I am asking you to join me in taking personal responsibility for our community. This is our community, and we are responsible for it. By working together, we will triumph over violence in Jacksonville and build the community in which we all want to live.

*Re-Elect*  
**Glorious Johnson**



**Jacksonville City Council At-Large Group 5 Republican**  
"A proven and dedicated public servant"  
**VOTE March 20<sup>th</sup>**

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## NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA THEME: "Victims' Rights: Every Victim, Every Time" APRIL 22 - 28, 2007

The Mayor's Victim Assistance Advisory Council (VAAC) will sponsor the 21<sup>st</sup> annual observation of National Victims' Rights Week in Jacksonville. Individuals and organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievements on behalf of crime victims and victims' rights will be recognized. The Mayor's VAAC will present victims' rights awards in the following categories:

- 1) **COURAGEOUS VICTIM** – A victim of crime who has shown the courage to speak out and make a difference regarding fair treatment of victims in the criminal justice system and in our community.
- 2) **OUTSTANDING VICTIM ADVOCATE** – A person or organization that has demonstrated excellence, compassion, and dedication in working for the welfare of victims, improvement of victims' services, and protection of victims' rights.
- 3) **JUDICIAL VICTIM ADVOCATE** – An individual (prosecutor, judge, or other judicial professional) who has demonstrated sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
- 4) **LAW ENFORCEMENT VICTIM ADVOCATE** – An individual (police officer, correctional officer or other professional) who has demonstrated sensitivity and responsiveness to victims' rights.
- 5) **MEDIA** – An individual, corporation or organization that has demonstrated respect for the dignity of victims of crime and sensitivity to victim issues.

A VAAC Selection Committee will choose the winner in each category. **Winners will be honored at our annual awards event during Victims' Rights Week.** Persons submitting nominations *may* be contacted for additional information and/or to present the awards.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit a nomination form for the one most outstanding candidate of your choice in one category on the back side of this official nomination form. You may nominate more than one person. Please complete a separate nomination form for each person. Your Nominee can be a paid professional, a volunteer, or an organization. Include at least two (2) of the following general areas of consideration in your nomination:

- Uniqueness of Contribution • Impact of Service on/in the Community
- Amount of Time Spent on this Achievement

**DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007**

**Direct all inquiries to:**

Nancy Newton at (904) 722-3000 or Dr. Shannon H. Perry at 630-6300.  
2007 VICTIMS' RIGHTS AWARD OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 2, 2007

**AWARD CATEGORY (check one):**

- Courageous Victim:                       Outstanding Victim Advocate:  
 Judicial Victim Advocate:               Law Enforcement Victim Advocate:     Media:

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Reference & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*A nominee reference is an additional witness to the nominee's performance.

Mail or e-mail return Nomination Form to: Attention:  
Dr. Shannon H. Perry, VAAC Coordinator  
403 West 10th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206  
Phone: 630-6300/Fax: 630-0770/Vaac@coj.net  
Application must be received by April 2, 2007

Nominee's Qualifications: (Use additional sheets if necessary. Add nominee's name on each additional sheet.)

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