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City Manager Appoints New Police Chief

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg will soon have a new leader of the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD).

City Manager Eric D. Campbell has named Eric English, currently serving as a deputy chief of the Richmond Police Department (RPD), as the Harrisonburg Police Department's chief of police.

Eric English is a 28-year veteran law enforcement officer, spending his entire career with RPD. He was promoted to deputy chief in April 2011 and assigned to the Operations Division which entailed command of approximately 400 patrol officers in four precincts. He has an extensive background in a variety of aspects of law enforcement including patrol, property crimes, narcotics, the training academy, and internal affairs.

"Chief English's passion for community policing, officer development, and leadership will continue to inspire the superb level of service residents of Harrisonburg expect," explained Eric D. Campbell, city manager. "I am excited to have him as a member of our executive team."

"I look forward to having the opportunity to work with the men and women of such a fine department," explained Eric English, new chief of HPD. "I hope to help these officers continue to make a positive impact within the community, while also sharing and implementing strategies and lessons that I've learned through my career."

HPD is currently made up of 112 sworn officers and 26 civilian positions.

Chief English will begin his leadership role within HPD on Monday, September 10 and his annual salary will be $120,000.

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Pictured above: HPD Chief Eric English.

Additional information about HPD can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/police.

The City of Harrisonburg *is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.*

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