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Harrisonburg Police honor fallen sergeant's legacy with sign rededication

New sign placed on Erickson Avenue for Sgt. Manuel Trenary, killed in the line of duty in 1959

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department and City leaders honored fallen HPD Sgt. Manuel Trenary, killed in the line of duty in 1959, with a special street dedication on Wednesday.

A new sign was placed along the north side of Erickson Avenue, near Main Street, where officers gathered to reflect on the service and sacrifice of Trenary, who was shot and killed while investigating a business break-in at L&S Diner on Oct. 8, 1959. No suspect was ever brought to justice.

The new sign honoring Trenary includes his rank of Sergeant. A previous sign on Erickson Avenue did not.

"Today we are here to rededicate this section of Erickson Road and to give Manuel Trenary the property recognition he deserves – the rank of Sergeant," HPD Chief Kelley Warner said at Wednesday's rededication ceremony.

Trenary, who was active in community affairs around Harrisonburg, joined HPD in 1933 and was promoted to Sergeant after 16 years of service. He was survived by his wife, Ada.



(Above) Members of the HPD Honor Guard watch as Harrisonburg Public Work staff install the new sign honoring Sgt. Manuel Trenary on Erickson Avenue.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to 51,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at <u>www.HarrisonburgVA.gov</u>.

