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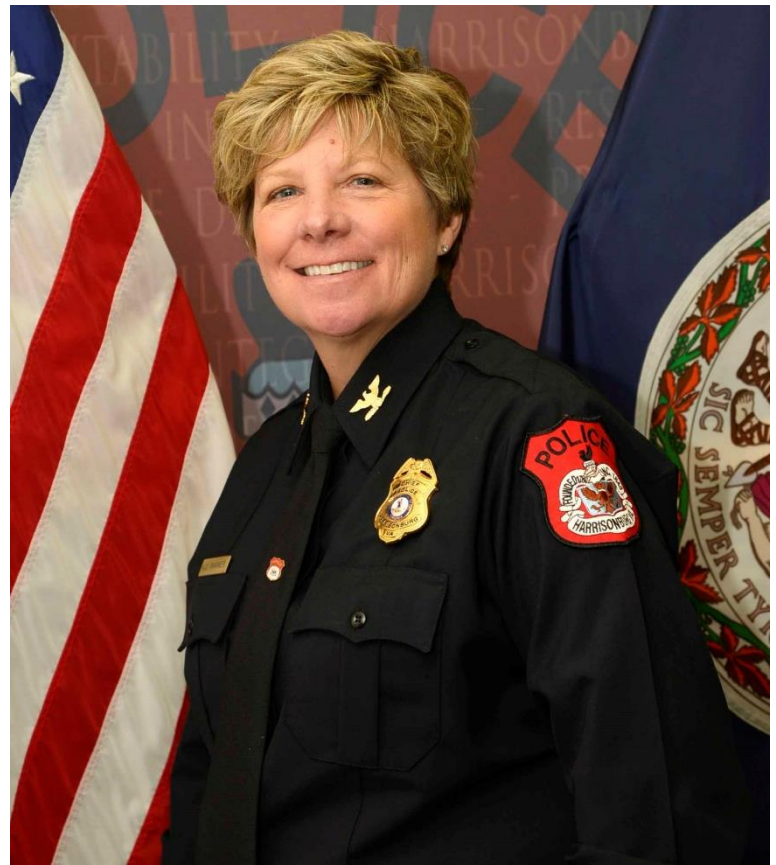
HPD Chief Kelley Warner announces resignation as she prepares to move home *Deputy Chief Miller and Deputy Chief Pollard to lead department forward in interim*

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Harrisonburg Police Department Chief Kelley Warner has announced her resignation from the department as she prepares to transition into a new position as police chief of the Solebury Township, Penn., Police Department. The move will allow Warner to return home and be closer to family members who live and attend college in the area.

Warner was named HPD chief in May 2021 following three decades with the Abington Township Police Department in Pennsylvania. Upon her arrival, Warner immediately set to work guiding the department of more than 100 officers and administrative staff through a number of improvements and new efforts focused on supporting the department, ensuring the safety of the Harrisonburg community and growing the relationship between HPD and those the agency serves. Warner was an instrumental part of recruitment and retention efforts to increase HPD staffing following the COVID-19 pandemic and played a key role in the creation of the department's Professional Development Program and the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, which redefined HPD's Mission, Vision and Values.

“While we are all certainly sad to say goodbye to Chief Warner, I know our community is incredibly grateful for her work in Harrisonburg and the impact that work will have for years to come,” Harrisonburg City Manager Ande Banks said. “As chief, she has placed great emphasis on programs that will serve those at risk in our community, such as the Blue Envelope Program or the creation of the Victim Service Liaison Unit. Efforts like these and many others have made HPD a more dynamic and responsive law enforcement agency, placing our department in an even greater position to capitalize on our Harrisonburg 2043 Vision in providing distinctive, reliable delivery of high-quality City services to all who call Harrisonburg home and visit our community.”

Warner has led by example in Harrisonburg as police chief and member of the City's Executive Leadership Team, cherishing the value of community engagement and fostering positive connections with individuals, families and organizations in The Friendly City.



(Above) Harrisonburg Police Department Chief Kelley Warner

“When I was selected as the chief in Harrisonburg, I was told I hit the jackpot – I quickly found out that I did,” Warner said. “However, being away from my family has proven to be more and more challenging. This forced me to make a very difficult decision – to leave this wonderful community and extremely dedicated group of officers that I had come to know and love. I am grateful for the opportunity the city and HPD has allowed me, and I will cherish the relationships and lessons I have learned.”

Warner’s final day with HPD will be in mid-June.

City Manager Banks will work closely with HPD Deputy Chiefs Todd Miller and Rod Pollard as they lead the department forward until a new chief of police is selected through a national recruitment effort. More information on recruitment for HPD’s future police chief will be made available to the public in the near future.

Miller, who was named HPD Deputy Chief of Operations in September 2023, previously served as the Criminal Investigations Division Commander, coordinating and overseeing multiple investigative resources at complex, critical and major criminal incidents. He also served as the Commander of the Civil Disturbance Unit. In his 20 years with HPD, Miller has held positions as the Patrol Division Commander, Personnel Development Unit Supervisor and Squad Supervisor, among other positions, starting his career with HPD in 2003 as a Police Officer.

Miller is a graduate of the National Criminal Justice Command College at the University of Virginia and the FBI Trilogy Series – including the Supervisory Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute – among other professional development opportunities such as the Southern Police Institute. He also serves as a Department of Criminal Justice Services General Instructor. As the Deputy Chief of Operations, he is responsible for the Patrol Division and the Major Crimes, RUSH Drug Taskforce, Internet Crimes Against Children, Special Victims, Crime Analysis and Bike Patrol units.

Pollard, who was named HPD Deputy Chief of Support Services in September 2023, previously served as the Operations Bureau Commander with HPD, as well as the Criminal Investigations Division Commander, SWAT Commander, Patrol Operations Division Commander, Special Operations Division Commander and other leadership positions within the department.

Pollard is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Southern Police Institute Command Officer Development Course and has worked in the area since first serving as a deputy sheriff at the Rockingham County Sheriff’s Office in 1994. He began several initiatives with HPD, including the Tactical Patrol Unit program, the Mental Illness Crisis Team and the Shop with a Cop event, and has served as a coordinator for the Restorative Justice program, among other leadership initiatives. As Deputy Chief of Support Services, he is responsible for recruitment, hiring, testing, professional development, and training for the department, as well as overseeing numerous divisions – such as Traffic, Professional Standards, and the Community Resources Unit, among other responsibilities.

Find more information on HPD at <https://harrisonburgva.gov/police>.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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