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24th Annual Community Police Academy

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department is proud to announce the start of the 24th annual Community Police Academy. The academy is open to all community members live or work in the City of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County.

The CPA will be held from March 5th to April 30th, classes are conducted by various members of the department each Tuesday night from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Individuals attending the Academy gain an in-depth look at the various divisions within HPD. Classroom discussions, hands-on practical scenarios, and a ride-along make the learning experience come alive for participants but does not certify attendees in any way as police officers. The knowledge gained helps to open communication and therefore promote understanding of the very difficult yet rewarding profession of law enforcement.

Here is a list of topics that will highlight the 9-week program:

Meet Chief Eric D. English and his Command Staff, Tour of HPD, Emergency Communications (ECC), Patrol, Major Crimes Unit, Special Operations, SWAT, Use of Force, Gang & Drug Task Forces, Firearms (with a trip to the range), K9 Operations, Traffic Stops, Vehicle operations, Crime Scene and Evidence, UAV/Robot Team, Restorative Justice, Crisis Negotiations, and a session of practical exercises.

Applications may be found online at www.harrisonburgva.gov/police or in the lobby of the Public Safety Building at 101 N. Main St. A banquet will be held on May 2nd for all graduates. The due date for the applications is February 22nd, 2018.

HPD looks forward to this opportunity each year and encourages you to apply, attend and work together for safer communities.

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