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## **MEMO TO EDITORS/NEWS DIRECTORS**

On Saturday, May 18, the Harrisonburg Police Foundation will sponsor the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Valor and Merit Awards program to honor members of the Harrisonburg Police Department who have performed with distinction during the past year.

The event, which will coincide with the closing of **National Police Week**, will be held at the **Hotel Madison** beginning at 6 p.m.

The program will comprise two distinct categories of honors:

- Police Foundation awards presented to individuals who were nominated by their peers:
  - Police Officer of the Year
  - o Rookie of the Year
  - Auxiliary Officer of the Year
  - Donald Harper Award
  - Leadership Award
  - o Community Service Award
  - Customer Service Award
- The Police Department's Valor and Merit Awards
  - Medal of Valor
  - Life Saving
  - Meritorious Action
  - Police Chief's Commendations

We welcome media coverage. For more information contact:

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