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HPD Achieves Accreditation Status

Harrisonburg, Va. - On September 29, 2020 the Harrisonburg Police Department was officially accredited by the Executive Board of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC).

“It is my great pleasure to announce that after countless hours of hard work and team effort, the Harrisonburg Police Department is approved for Accreditation during this morning’s Accreditation Commission Board hearing,” said HPD’s Interim Chief of Police Gabriel Camacho shortly after the commission meeting concluded.

Accreditation provides a helpful framework to ensure accountability by the department as well as protect HPD’s officers by reducing liability. The accreditation process has also sculpted policies and procedures that will best serve the agency, which in turn best serves the Harrisonburg Community. “Accreditation is in fact detailed in our Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, which states that *“HPD will strive to become an accredited agency.”* Today we did it!” added Camacho.

The Virginia Sheriffs’ Association, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) make up the VLEPSC. The Commission’s overall goal is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

For more information on VLEPSC and how agency accreditation benefits the community, visit <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/law-enforcement/programs/vlepsc> or www.vlepsc.org.

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