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HPD Hosts Kids Safety Day and Community Event

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) is planning to host a Community Day on May 22nd, 2021. This event will be located on Community Street between East Rock Street and East Gay Street from 10am to 2pm.

Earlier this year, HPD conducted a community survey in District 3 by knocking on doors, engaging with community members, and receiving input on what is going on in their community. As a result of the survey, we are using the residents' input to better serve the community based off what is important to them.

For example, most residents overwhelmingly enjoyed their community, the resources available to them and policing practices in their neighborhood. There were some concerns that were brought up and they are being addressed by HPD to help reduce any negative impact on residents.

The residents also expressed that they would like to see even more engagement and positive interaction with law enforcement in their neighborhoods. As a result, HPD decided to host the first ever Community Day in their neighborhood.

We will be grilling out for the neighborhood to come have lunch as we engage with them and provide entertainment along with education for the kids (list of events below). This event is open to the entire district 3 community (map attached) and we are hoping for a good turnout!

Interim Chief Gabriel Camacho stated: "Earning and building trust between our community members and our officers is a vital part of our mission at the



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Harrisonburg Police Department. Becoming closer with those we serve is a goal we strive for every day and speaks to the heart of our commitment to Service with a Purpose. Positive interactions such as those that take place when we visit with members of our community are one of the many reasons Harrisonburg is known as The Friendly City.”

On Wednesday May 19th HPD will be walking through district 3 to hand out pamphlets to the residents. The pamphlets will have a summary of results received from community survey and a brief action plan from HPD. It is important to not only hear their concerns but also show how we are responding to those concerns. The pamphlet will also contain information and a personal invitation to the D3 Community Day event.

Planned Events and Activities

Child ID Fingerprint System
Child Safety Display Table and Giveaways
Seat Belt Convincer with Doll Demonstration
Golf Car Rides for Kids
Corn Hole Boards and Ring Toss
Police and Fire Department Vehicle Displays
HFD Safety Display with Smoke Alarm Information
HFD Snow Cone Machine
SPCA Pet Adoption

This event is open to all residents residing in HPD District 3. We encourage you to come enjoy the events and a free lunch provided by public safety personnel. While this is the first planned Kids Safety Day and Community Event of the year, we look forward to visiting other districts in the coming months.

This event will follow Covid safety best practices and in compliance with local and statewide regulations.

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