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HPD to Host 22nd Annual SWAT Competition

HARRISONBURG, Va. – A competition highlighting the advanced training and skills of law enforcement Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams will return to Harrisonburg for the 22nd Annual Harrisonburg SWAT Competition on Friday, October 11th.

The event will include teams from across Virginia, including many from the Shenandoah Valley region. Opening ceremonies will begin at 8 a.m. at the Harper-Presgraves Regional Training Center off Greendale Road.

The SWAT competition serves as a vital training platform designed to push SWAT teams to excel under pressure across a range of critical skills. In the event of a major incident, SWAT teams from multiple agencies would likely need to collaborate. Competitions are invaluable as they foster networking, enabling the exchange of innovative and technical expertise and cutting-edge tactical strategies among teams.

This collaborative environment enhances individual performance and strengthens the collective capability of our forces to respond effectively through shared knowledge and refined skills.

"SWAT teams are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and training needed to tackle dangerous situations when required," Lieutenant Chris Monahan, Commander of Harrisonburg Police SWAT Team, said in a statement. "Participating in a SWAT competition offers the perfect opportunity to assess individual team's capabilities alongside those of other regional teams. It's not just a test of skill, it's a chance to forge strong relationships with teams who might partner together in the event of a major incident."

SWAT Teams will be challenged in a variety of events on Friday, including:

- Sniper Initiated Assault
- Black Rifle Event



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- Operator Rescue
- No Fail Pistol Event
- Tactical Obstacle Course
- Mystery Event
- Pistol Shoot-off

Teams will compete for top ranking in the individual events and first, second, and third place overall. A total of 15 teams are registered for this year's event, including those from:

- Chesterfield County Police Department
- Staunton Police Department
- Augusta County Sheriff's Office
- Stafford County Sheriff's Office
- Albemarle County Police Department
- Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Manassas City Police Department
- Arlington County Police Department
- Harrisonburg Police Department
- Richmond City Police Department
- Fairfax County Police Department

The event is partially funded by local donations and team registration fees, as well as support from the Harrisonburg Police Foundation.

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