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Public Safety Personnel Use Modified Responses and Park Facilities Close

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) is now operating under its inclement weather policy.

Due to the worsening weather conditions, police will now have a modified response to non-emergency calls for service and traffic crashes.

The priority will be to respond to life-threatening and public safety concerns first. A delayed response can be expected for officers for non-priority calls for service. Some non-emergency calls for service may also be handled on the telephone.

Since the onset of the storm, officers have been responding to calls for service in two-person units and have numerous officers on standby. Personnel have also been stationed throughout the city at various HPD substations to allow for a better response.

Yesterday, the Harrisonburg Fire Department increased its staffing levels and initiated its modified response. Fire personnel are still responding to calls for service but reduced the number of fire apparatus that responds to certain types of calls.

Residents are reminded to shovel around fire hydrants and clear a path from the hydrant to the roadway. This will allow fire personnel to gain access to the fire hydrant or water supply quickly, should there be fire.

As of this morning, all parks and facilities managed by the Parks and Recreation Department have closed. A notice will be sent once these facilities reopen.

Members of the community are reminded to call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency incident. Anyone needing basic weather information or road reports are encouraged to use the city’s [website](#) or by calling 511

*Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the **Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System** by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.*



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