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Officers walk Northeast to meet, support residents

Harrisonburg, Va. – More than 40 members of Harrisonburg’s Police and Fire departments hit the streets Wednesday night to introduce themselves to residents of the Northeast Neighborhood and hear what issues residents had that the City could address.

Officers gathered at the Lucy F. Simms Continuing Education Center before spreading throughout the neighborhood to knock on doors and chat. Connections were made with dozens of residents who got the chance to speak one-on-one with an officer and learn about different things Harrisonburg Police and Fire can do to assist them.

Residents received pamphlets they could keep with information about City services and numbers they can call if they are in need, in addition to being informed about fire alarm replacement services Harrisonburg Fire offers.

Officials hope the event will go a long way toward bringing officers and those they serve closer together.

“This was a great opportunity for us to get out into our community and connect with residents,” Harrisonburg Police Department Chief Eric English said. “Not only were we able to share important information and hear about people’s concerns, but we also were able to engage with the community and let them know we are here for them and want to work closer with them. These connections are vital to all that we do.”

This is the third recent community walk held in Harrisonburg, with walks already taking place in the Chicago Avenue and Jefferson Street areas. Residents who are interested in connecting with the Harrisonburg Police Department, or who have questions an officer can address, can find more information at www.harrisonburgva.gov/police or by connecting with the department through www.facebook.com/HarrisonburgPoliceDepartment.



(Above) Harrisonburg Police Department Chief Eric English and Harrisonburg Fire Department Fire Prevention Education Specialist Katie Caler speak with a resident in the Northeast Neighborhood during Wednesday’s Community Walk.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 54,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is available online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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