



A Joint News Release from the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County
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Harrisonburg, Rockingham County select Criminal Justice Planner

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County are pleased to announce that S. Frank Sottaceti has accepted the position of Criminal Justice Planner and will begin March 9.

Sottaceti, a law enforcement and homeland security professional with a bachelor's in criminal justice and a master's in public policy and management, security and intelligence, will be the first person to fill the recently created joint City-County position. The City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County came together in 2019 to create the criminal justice planner position, aimed at assisting in the planning and development of criminal justice programs and services in coordination with the Community Criminal Justice Board.

The Harrisonburg resident will bring with him a diverse skillset, having served in a number of positions under the United States Department of Homeland Security. That includes serving as a senior law enforcement policy advisor for Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, deputy assistant secretary for the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement, chief of law enforcement for the Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, and section chief/intelligence operations specialist for the Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

That wealth of experience, combined with a proven ability to work seamlessly between multiple jurisdictions and on a plethora of challenges, made Sottaceti the right choice to take ownership of the new criminal justice planner efforts.

"We are very pleased to be able to bring someone with this level of national experience and training to drive the position of criminal justice planner forward and begin making an impact on our community immediately," Harrisonburg City Manager Eric D. Campbell said. "We are excited for Mr. Sottaceti to join our organizations, and for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to begin benefiting from this new criminal justice planner position."

The criminal justice planner position will reside under the Rockingham County staff. It is funded jointly by the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.

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.

