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News Release

Changes within the Harrisonburg Police Department

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The community will soon see new leadership within the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Within the last few weeks, 11 individuals have been promoted to various ranks. Each individual endured a competitive selection process for the promotions.

- Captain Tom Hoover, Field Operations Bureau Commander; promoted from lieutenant of Special Operations Division
- Lieutenant Cindy Cull-Wright, Patrol Division; promoted from sergeant of the Criminal Investigations Division
- Lieutenant Rod Pollard, Special Operations Division; promoted from sergeant of the K-9 Unit
- Lieutenant Chris Rush, Support Services Division; promoted from sergeant of the Gang Unit
- Sergeant Jason Kidd, Training Supervisor; promoted from a patrol corporal
- Sergeant Joe Palaskey, Criminal Investigations Division; promoted from corporal of the Bike Unit
- Sergeant Ron Howard, Patrol Squad; promoted from a patrol corporal
- Corporal Daniel Claxton, Bike Unit; promoted from a patrol officer
- Corporal C.M. Grubbs, Patrol Squad; promoted from an investigator in Criminal Investigations
- Corporal Bryan Horowitz, Gang Unit; promoted from an investigator with the Drug Task Force
- Corporal Chris Terrell, Patrol Squad; promoted from an officer with the Gang Unit.

“Each one of the individuals promoted was selected based on their work ethic and leadership skills,” said Colonel D.G. Harper, Chief of Police. “They will provide the Department a leader and the community a resource for information and assistance.”

Some individuals, who were promoted, have already taken over their new roles. All position transfers will be effective Sunday, May 1.

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