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News Release

HPD Hosts Annual SWAT Competition

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The Harrisonburg Police Department, in partnership with the Southeastern SWAT Association, will be hosting the Southeastern Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) competition this week.

Local law enforcement teams will be participating as well as other agencies from along the east coast.

The competition will begin on Thursday, June 9 and run throughout Friday, June 10.

All SWAT teams will be challenged on the following skills:

- Teamwork
- Physical agility
- Short and long-range pistol and rifle marksmanship
- Officer and hostage rescues
- Obstacle courses
- Mystery event.

Each year organizers work to create new and more intense situations for teams to not only compete but continue their training and skills.

TSSI and several other tactical vendors will be offering product displays and demonstrations.

In 2010, the Staunton Police Department placed first in the overall competition.

Note to reporters: If you plan on attending and need an interview or pictures, please let me know which day and what time you will be at the event. This competition is at HPD's training grounds and I will provide you with directions. When you are at the competition, please be vigilant and aware of your surroundings as to not interfere with any event. It is also recommended to bring eye and ear protection.