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News Release

HPD Names New Downtown Resource Bike Officer

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The Harrisonburg Police Department recently filled a vacant position that is quite visible downtown.

Officer John Langhans was named the Downtown Resource Bike Officer in August.

The goal of the downtown bike officer is to build partnerships and provide resources to businesses in the area. This officer is also visible to help deter criminal activity from taking place downtown.

Most recently, HPD received several complaints of a male brandishing a firearm. After hearing the description on the radio, Officer Langhans spotted the suspect's vehicle downtown and was able to make a traffic stop.

After further investigation, Langhans determined the offender had been brandishing a fake gun. The man was arrested without incident.

"Langhans has already proven to be an asset downtown and is working to build a rapport with the business owners," said Lieutenant Rod Pollard, HPD's Special Events Commander. "We are pleased Langhans will represent the Department and have a visible presence in the area of downtown."

Langhans started his career in 2000 as a patrol officer. He has worked in the Bike Unit, Criminal Investigations Division, RUSH Drug Task Force, and also serves on the SWAT Team.

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