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Three Members of HPD Promoted

Harrisonburg, VA- The Harrisonburg Police Department has promoted three members into supervisory positions.

Officer Philip Wonderley has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

Corporal Charles "Mac" Grubbs has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Joseph Palaskey has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

All three of the promotions were effective April 14, 2013.

Corporal Wonderley has been with the Department since 2005. Wonderley was awarded the Department's Meritorious Service Award in February 2011, and the Award of Excellence in September 2010. Wonderley has been a Master Police Officer since 2010, served on the SWAT Team as a Sniper, cross trained as entry, serves on the Crash Reconstruction Team, is a Street Gang Specialist, a General Instructor, and a Police Training Officer. Wonderley has a College Preparatory Diploma from Faith Bible Christian Academy.

Sergeant Grubbs has been a member of the Harrisonburg Police Department for ten years. Grubbs received the Award of Excellence in June 2010, and a MADD Award in both 2007 and 2008. In 2008 he was promoted to the rank of Master Police Officer and in May 2011 he was again promoted to Corporal. Sergeant Grubbs has been a Patrol Training Officer, a Police Instructor, serves on the Civil Disturbance Unit, as an Evidence Technician, Taser Instructor, and certified Bike Officer. Sergeant Grubbs has a Bachelor's Degree in History from Radford University. Sergeant Grubbs' ten years of experience, two as a Corporal, have prepared him for the challenges he will face as a Police Sergeant.



Lieutenant Palaskey originally joined the Harrisonburg Police Department in 1995 with Law Enforcement experience in the United States Air Force, the Washington Township Police Department, Virginia Beach Police Department, and the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division.

Palaskey promoted to Investigator in 1996 and Sergeant in 2000. He worked for a time period as a Lieutenant for the JMU Police Department, a police instructor for the Department of Justice in Iraq, and at the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy as the Basic Law Enforcement Officer Supervisor. He came back to the Harrisonburg Police Department in 2005, promoted to Corporal in 2007, and Sergeant (again!) in 2011. He received the Employee of the Month Award in 1998 and the Personal Appearance Award in 1995. Lieutenant Palaskey is a member of the Civil Disturbance Unit, and has served as a Police Training Officer, bike officer and SWAT member.

Lieutenant Palaskey received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from JMU in 2010.

Lieutenant Palaskey's extensive experience in Law Enforcement and supervisory experience with the Harrisonburg Police Department has prepared him for his new role in a Command Level position.

All three of the individuals have been assigned to the Patrol Division and will take an active part in the newly developed Geographic Policing Model of the Department.

There will be a Promotional Pinning Ceremony to honor Corporal Wonderley, Sergeant Grubbs and Lieutenant Palaskey on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the Harrisonburg Police Department.