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## **Second Phase of Geographic Policing Kicks Off**

The second phase of Geographic Policing for the City of Harrisonburg will kick off on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 sometime in the late afternoon. That is when the new districts will take effect, providing better response for our community. The City previously was divided into four beats however the new plan has increased the number to seven districts. Increasing the districts will provide smaller areas and will increase the accountability for the policing in those districts.

The Geographic Committee is comprised of personnel from all divisions of the Harrisonburg Police Department. The committee came up with the seven districts after looking at “geographic” and “statistical” data to include: calls of service, response times, type of calls, traffic patterns, type of demographics, etc.

A map of the new seven districts is attached to this release and over the next few days will be included on the Departmental website along with the patrol personnel assigned to those districts. Citizens are urged to review the map, be aware of what district they reside in, and get to know their district officers and assigned supervisors.

The first phase of the process resulted in creating the second patrol commander and dividing the City into two sectors, each Commander being responsible for half the City. The Geographic Policing Committee was then formed to implement the program into the City. Chief Monticelli credits the ongoing hard work of this committee in the development of the geographic policing initiative.

# Harrisonburg Police Department 7 District Patrol

