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Next 'Coffee with a Cop' Set for Sept. 6

Harrisonburg, Va - When the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) launched *Coffee with a Cop*, police officials didn't know how well the program would be received, but they thought it would be an interesting way to improve communications with citizens in the community.

And that is what's happening. "I am very pleased by the interest shown by residents who joined us at two sessions earlier this year," says Chief Stephen Monticelli.

"Our officers learned a lot from listening to people's views and concerns, and they provided information about the Department's initiatives and activities."

The next *Coffee with a Cop* event will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 6 at A Bowl of Good, 1047 Port Republic Road.

The program gives Chief Monticelli and other officers from HPD a forum to make themselves available to citizens in an informal, neutral setting to discuss community issues and build relationships.

"These encounters help break down barriers and increase communications throughout the community," Chief Monticelli explains.

More information about the event is available at www.Harrisonburgva.gov/coffee-with-a-cop.

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