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## Harrisonburg Police Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Among 19 Teams In National Capital Region SWAT Competition

A team of five officers representing the Harrisonburg Police Department came away with second honors Friday in the Eighth Annual National Capital Regional SWAT Association's competition in Dickerson, Md.

Competing against 18 special weapons and tactics teams that included federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, Harrisonburg was tops in three of five competition events and ranked second best overall. The team from Montgomery County, Md. outscored Harrisonburg by two points. Harrisonburg placed first in last year's competition.

"Exercises like this one, conducted in a competitive environment under tight time constraints, simulate the pressures encountered in real-world incidents. They help police officers refine the skills they are called upon to use in responding to real-world crises," says Harrisonburg SWAT Commander Capt. T. D. Hoover.

"Our ultimate goal is a team of well-prepared officers who have knowledge and skills and a full understanding of the best methods and techniques that are required for emergency response to tactical incidents that might occur in the City of Harrisonburg," Hoover adds.

Among the groups that Harrisonburg faced were highly-regarded SWAT teams from Montgomery County, Md., Baltimore City, National Capitol Police, Central Intelligence Agency, Arlington, Alexandria, Manassas and Frederick, Md.

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