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HPD Announces Spring Break a Success

HARRISONBURG—Crime statistics for the 10-day period from March 6th to 16th, which covered the college Spring Break period, show not one reported Breaking and Entering of a residence in the city's college housing areas and only three in the entire city. That contrasts with data from the Thanksgiving and Christmas recesses, when such cases totaled in the double digits.

“Prior to Spring Break we tried very hard to inform students about the importance of implementing crime prevention measures before departing,” says Community Resource Officer Chris Monahan. “I think they were listening and responded by locking up and securing their valuables.”

The entire department stepped up its crime prevention activities. In addition to enhanced patrol, using data developed by the department's Intelligence Analyst, the Special Operations group deployed additional officers on the street in a variety of modes and used a variety of covert monitoring techniques in areas vulnerable to property crimes.

“I am very proud of the aggressive crime prevention efforts by our police officers in protecting and serving our citizens, and pleased by the collaborative effort involving police officers, students, and our crime intelligence analysts,” says Chief of Police Stephen Monticelli. “The results speak volumes.”

HPD encourages everyone to be vigilant in their surroundings and report any suspicious activity. Callers can remain anonymous by calling Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050. Tipsters may also text “HPD” plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

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