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HPD, Joe Muggs Coffee and the Valley Mall Host a *National Peace Officers Memorial Day* Event

It was just over 50 years ago that President Kennedy designated National Police Week, and National Peace Officer's Day (May 15) to provide special recognition to Law Enforcement Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Each year, the Harrisonburg Police Department organizes various events during the week to recognize local area law enforcement personnel. In addition to recognizing our own fallen heroes, we ask the community to take part in recognizing and thanking our officers for their dedication.

On **Friday, May 15th, 2015**, the HPD will host three overlapping events at the Simon Valley Mall.

Coffee with a Cop will be held from 3 to 6 pm at Joe Muggs Coffee inside the Mall. This is an opportunity to meet, ask questions and get to know some of the officers working in your neighborhoods in a relaxed setting.

From **4 to 7 pm there will be an "Open House" setup in the parking lot outside the Books a Million Entrance** to the Mall. This event will include live demonstrations, the prescription drug drop-box and child fingerprinting (in the JC Penny foyer).

On display for the first time, the public will be able to take a look inside the new Emergency Response Vehicle. This specialty vehicle is fully armored and utilized in situations when rescue operations for citizens and officers are needed with high levels of protection. Specially trained officers will be there to answer any questions.

Both HPD and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office will have cruisers on location for a **Special Olympics Cover the Cruiser fundraiser**. The Harrisonburg Fire Department and the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Truck will also be on location with refreshments.

The live demonstrations will take place at the following scheduled times:

- **1600- K-9 presentation and demo (MPO Dolph)**
- **1630- Motor demonstration**
- **1700- Mountain bike demonstration**
- **1730- K-9 Presentation and demo**
- **1800- Motor demonstration**
- **1830- Mountain bike demonstration**

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