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HPD Announces New Program “Neighborhood Eyes”

Harrisonburg, Va. - The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) is excited to announce the unveiling of a new program, “Neighborhood Eyes.”

The purpose of this voluntary program gives citizens and businesses with privately owned surveillance systems the opportunity to register their address as a location with a functioning system. As security camera systems continue to become more affordable and more desirable, the Neighborhood Eyes Program gives law enforcement quick access to locations where video evidence may be present after a crime has occurred. Currently, officers are required to go to each residence and business where surveillance systems are present in an effort to recover video evidence following a crime.

Harrisonburg Police will still canvass neighborhoods and business districts following a crime to help identify possible witnesses and develop additional leads in an investigation. Neighborhood Eyes is strictly voluntary and does not give Harrisonburg Police remote access to security camera systems. Furthermore, this program opens the channels of communication between residents, business owners, and police.

Neighborhood Eyes is set to launch in mid November of this year. Residents and business owners with internet capability may fill out a brief form online to register their camera systems **once the program has launched**.

For questions regarding Neighborhood Eyes, citizens and business owners may contact Community Resource Officer Brooke Wetherell at (540) 437-9544.

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