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HPD Officer Receives Officer of the Year Award

Harrisonburg, Va. – An officer with the Harrisonburg Police Department was recently recognized by a local organization, the Sons of the American Revolution.

HPD Officer Jay Hensley was recognized last month with the law enforcement award by the Sons of the America Revolution. This award is presented to an officer who has served with distinction and devotion in any capacity of law enforcement with commitment to the United States of America.

Officer Hensley's fellow officers would describe him as a co-worker who is honest, patient, friendly, knowledgeable, helpful, and consistent. They would also describe him as a father figure who not only teaches new recruits how to be a great police officer but also teaches them "police life 101" and how being a police officer affects their overall life. These are just a few of the many qualities that he displays.

Officer Hensley also volunteers and assists with the hiring panel interview board by interviewing and selecting new applicants that have applied with HPD. He continues to be an integral part of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) as he instructs and continues to lead by example.

He attends regular training while maintaining a positive attitude toward learning new ideas and methods during training exercises. Hensley continues to serve as a committee member of the Career Development Program that was new to the agency in 2014.

MPO Hensley's dedication and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself as well as the entire Harrisonburg Police Department.

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Pictured above: HPD Police Chief Stephen Monticelli, Officer Jay Hensley, and a representative of the Sons of the American Revolution organization.

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