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*D.D.A.C.T.S. INTRODUCTION!!!!*

## Next 'Coffee with a Cop' Scheduled for September 29 At Dave's Taverna on Port Republic Road

Harrisonburg police officers will continue their popular 'Coffee with a Cop' series on Thursday, September 29, with a gathering from 10 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. hosted by Dave's Taverna on Port Republic Road.

Chief Monticelli and other officers from the Harrisonburg Police Department will be on hand to talk with citizens and respond to questions as they introduce a new crime fighting and traffic crash reduction strategy in Harrisonburg. A short presentation will introduce the initiative known as **D.D.A.C.T.S.** = Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety



The 'Coffee with a Cop program', beginning its third year, is designed to help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the people it serves, with the goal of building mutual trust.

"Coffee with a Cop fits with our Community Policing philosophy," says Chief of Police Stephen Monticelli. "Community engagement and dialogue in a neutral setting, with no set agenda, gives everyone a chance to discuss issues and learn more about each other."

"We greatly appreciate the reception that we've gotten so far," Monticelli says. "I believe these encounters have been a valuable and productive tool for breaking down barriers and increasing communications with all in the community."

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