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HPD Hosts Series of Classes for Members of the Community

Harrisonburg, VA - The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), in conjunction with the Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation Department, will be hosting a series of classes titled "Understanding your Police Department."

The series was developed as a way for the public to interact with police officers, focus on different aspects of the police department, and provide a better understanding of the duties and responsibilities of HPD.

The forums will discuss topics such as daily operations, active shooter preparedness, use of force, SWAT operations, and the role of auxiliary police.

The series of classes will all be held at the Lucy Simms Education Center, 620 Simms Avenue, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and are free to the public.

Schedule is as follows:

May 10 – Daily Operations of the Harrisonburg Police Department

June 14 – Understanding use of force by police

July 12 – The history and role of the Harrisonburg Police Auxiliary Unit

August 9 – The history and role of Special Weapons and Tactic's (SWAT) in policing and taking a look at HPD's SWAT Team

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The Harrisonburg Police Department is hopeful for a large number of attendees to take the time and participate in this event in order to reach as much of the community as possible.

“Our goal is to continue to build positive relationships with our neighbors, while also giving a better understanding of our daily police operations,” explained Sergeant CM Grubbs, Community Services Unit.

Those interested in attending the classes are encouraged (but not required) to register by visiting www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/program-registration.

For more information about HPD, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/police.

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