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### **HPD K-9 Streak Retires - New K-9 Tyr Begins Tour of Duty**

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department announces the retirement of K9 Streak and welcomes the newest addition to the canine unit, K9 Tyr.

K9 Streak originated from the Netherlands and was brought into the states and began his work with the Harrisonburg Police Department in 2012. K9 Streak was able to come to work for the Harrisonburg Police Department through the hard work and dedication of the students at the Harrisonburg High School and Thomas Harrison Middle School. These students conducted a fundraiser to purchase a new police K9 and were rewarded with naming the new K9. K9 Streak was named after the Harrisonburg High School mascot, the Blue Streaks. K9 Streak served his community as a dual-purpose police dog who was trained in narcotic detection and patrol utility (tracking, article searches, building searches, and apprehension work).

K9 Streak has been instrumental in the investigation of numerous narcotic and criminal cases during his service with the Harrisonburg Police Department. In 2014, the Virginia Police Canine Association awarded K9 Streak and his handler, MPO Kyle Dolph, the case of the year award for his involvement in locating and recovering 44 lbs of marijuana. In 2016, K9 Streak was instrumental in his assistance with the Harrisonburg Police Major Crimes Unit in recovering crucial evidence related to a serious offense. The service K9 Streak has provided over the past five years has been invaluable to the citizens of Harrisonburg and surrounding communities. K9 Streak has been relinquished to his handler for retirement.

K9 Tyr will be replacing K9 Streak as the newest member to the Harrisonburg Police canine unit. K9 Tyr is a 16 month old Belgian Malinois from the Czech Republic. K9 Tyr has recently completed a rigorous 10 week canine school and was certified through the Virginia Police Canine Association at graduation. K9 Tyr will be certified as a dual purpose police dog in narcotic detection and patrol utility work and is handled by MPO Dolph.

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