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## **HPD Officers Receive 2017 VACP Award for Valor**

Virginia Beach, Va. - Three officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) have received the Award of Valor from the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP).

On Tuesday, September 19, the VACP honored law enforcement officers from the Harrisonburg Police Department during their annual conference in Virginia Beach, VA.

The Award for Valor recognizes a law enforcement officer who, in the line of duty, performs an act of extraordinary heroism while engaged with an adversary and imminent personal risk.

"It was an honor to see three of HPD's officers recognized for their extreme acts of heroism," explained Stephen Monticelli, chief of police for HPD. "I am proud of their work and dedication to the safety of our community."

Harrisonburg Police Department Officers Dwayne Jones, Joshua Joseph, and Justin L. Kline were recognized for their actions in the early morning hours of February 27 during a traffic stop in the city. These officers were performing their normal duties when they were fired on by unknown individual. The officers returned fire, pursued the suspect, advanced on him, and took him into custody to reduce any additional threat or potential injuries to the community or other officers.

The Award for Valor is the most prestigious award that the VACP offers and the officers were nominated by Police Chief Steven Monticelli.

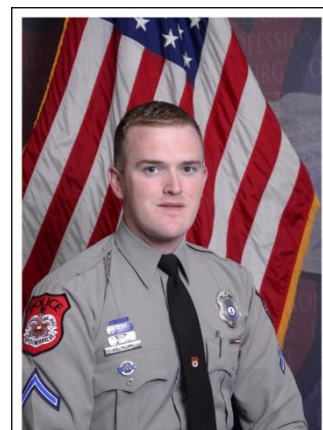
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Dwayne Jones



Joshua W. Joseph



Justin Kline

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