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### **HPD Reminds Citizens of Important Safety Tips**

Harrisonburg, VA –

As the Holidays are quickly approaching and the days are getting shorter, the Harrisonburg Police Department would like to remind the community of a few simple tips to ensure safety for you and your loved ones.

- As the days grow shorter many citizens will be commuting to and from work or school while it is dark outside. When walking at night it is the best practice to always remain in well lit areas and never travel alone. Always carry a cell phone with you and be alert to your surroundings. When crossing roadways, utilize crosswalks and avoid wearing dark colored clothing.
- Be cautious when answering phone calls from unknown organizations or individuals asking for your personal information and money. Always identify the recipient prior to providing this information to avoid falling victim of a scam.
- Be sure to secure your home and vehicle upon leaving. With increased shopping around the Holidays quickly approaching, leaving items of value in plain sight and doors and windows unsecured can quickly become an easy target for thieves.
- Most importantly use good judgment, if something appears suspicious or out of place it is best to report it to the police right away. HPD relies on the community we serve to provide valuable reports of suspicious vehicles, people and circumstances to ensure the highest level of safety for everyone.

The Harrisonburg Police Department urges citizens to always report suspicious activity by calling (540) 434-4436, if you have an emergency dial 911. If you see something, say something. HPD takes all reports of suspicious activity seriously and will thoroughly investigate each report.