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Office Eddie Skelton to Retire from the Harrisonburg Police Department

HARRISONBURG, VA – After more than 26 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Harrisonburg, Officer Eddie Skelton will retire from the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), effective November 1.

A dedicated public servant with a laid-back demeanor and genuine character, Skelton's commitment to the people of Harrisonburg and to his fellow public safety employees will be greatly missed.

Starting as a full-time officer in 1994, Skelton progressed through the police department working in many different assignments and gaining valuable knowledge and experience along the way. As a Patrol officer, Skelton's talents were recognized and he became a Field Training Officer, passing on much that he had learned to new HPD officers. Skelton's previous experience as a stock car driver were instrumental in his demonstrating driving-related skills to new recruits. It was through this passion that Skelton was selected as a motor officer, and his subsequent tenure as a traffic officer with the Department's Special Operations Division. Skelton was also a natural fit to serve as a member of the HPD Accident Reconstruction Team where he was on-call day and night to respond to serious traffic crashes on the city's roadways.

In his twenty-six years with the Department, Skelton also was entrusted with other demanding duties to include Crisis Negotiations Team member, Motor Carrier Inspection team member, and he also served as a Patrol Supervisor in the Operations Division. His most recent assignment has been that of School Resource Officer (SRO) up until his retirement. His accomplishments include receiving the Department's Distinguished Service Award, Meritorious Action Award, and numerous Driving Proficiency awards.



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His experiences and responsibilities only tell part of the story about how much he has given to HPD, his colleagues, and the community he serves. “Eddie has always been one of the unique personalities here at the Department,” said HPD Interim Chief Gabriel Camacho. “His participation in various community efforts as well as his recent work with our community’s children as an SRO are a testament to the constructive relationships that our officers strive to achieve in their policing efforts.”

Skelton plans to enjoy his retirement from HPD by spending more time with his family and his dogs.

Best wishes to Eddie as he embarks on a new chapter in his life. Thank you for your service!

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