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HPD, Supporting Agencies Conducting Mass Casualty Training

HARRISONBURG, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), along with other area law enforcement, Harrisonburg Fire Department (HFD) and Emergency Communication Center (ECC), will take part in a mass casualty response training this week.

The training, scheduled for the morning of Friday, August 4th, will take place at Harrisonburg High School. Residents will see an increased number of first responders in the area during the training and should not be alarmed. Training will be completed by noon.

The scenario allows first responders an opportunity to work together on a major incident from the time a call comes in until the conclusion of the scenario. Working jointly with 3 separate entities of public safety and surrounding agencies provides a real-life experience of a joint response.

“Collaborating with partner agencies is necessary with any major incident, having the opportunity to train together helps all involved better understand what that response will look like,” HPD Lt. Chris Monahan said. “Having the opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses in training allows us to learn, adapt, and improve our response if called upon.”

Members of the media interested in attending the event must contact Lt. Monahan prior to attending by emailing chris.monahan@harrisonburgva.gov. A media staging area will be established and communicated prior to the event. Any media participant must be on hand before 8:30 a.m. to be allowed access to the scenario.

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