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HPD to Host 21st Annual SWAT Competition on Friday

HARRISONBURG, Va. – A competition highlighting the advanced training and skills of law enforcement Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams will return to Harrisonburg for the 21st Annual Harrisonburg SWAT Competition on Friday, October 20th.

The event will include teams from across Virginia, including many from the Shenandoah Valley region, with opening ceremonies beginning at 8 a.m. at the Harper-Presgraves Regional Training Center off Greendale Road.

The competition is primarily a training opportunity designed to challenge SWAT officers to excel in a variety of skills under pressure. In the event of a major incident, it is likely that SWAT teams from more than a single agency would be deployed. These types of events promote networking and the sharing of technical expertise and ideas for equipment and tactics.

“SWAT teams have the knowledge, skills, and training to handle dangerous situations if called upon,” Lieutenant Chris Monahan, Commander of Harrisonburg Police SWAT Team, said in a statement. “The opportunity to compete in a SWAT competition provides a platform to test your team’s abilities against other teams from around the area. Not only are you competing against them, but you are also building relationships with teams you may need to work with if a major incident occurs.”

SWAT officers will take part in a variety of events on Friday include:

- Sniper Event
- Black Rifle Event
- Downed Operator Rescue
- Metal Melt Down
- Obstacle Course
- Mystery Event
- Pistol Shoot-off

Teams will compete for top ranking in the individual events as well as first, second and third place overall. Teams registered for this year’s event include those from:

- Chesterfield County Police Department
- Staunton Police Department
- Augusta County Sheriff’s Office
- Stafford County Sheriff’s Office

- Albemarle County Police Department
- Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Radford City Police Department
- Arlington County Police Department

The event is funded in part by local donations and team registration fees, with support from the Harrisonburg Police Foundation.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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