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HPD and JMU Welcome Students with Annual Knock-and-Talks

Harrisonburg, VA - August 14, 2024 - The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) is teaming up with the James Madison University Police Department (JMU PD) and the JMU Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices to hold a knock-and-talk event on August 15, 2024.

As students return to Harrisonburg for the new academic year, officers from HPD and JMU PD will visit students' off-campus housing areas. The goal is to promote student safety and build positive relationships between students and local law enforcement. During these visits, officers will inform students about city ordinances, state laws, and best practices for being responsible members of the Harrisonburg community.

"Through education and transparency, HPD continues its yearly effort to greet JMU students before the new school year. This initiative allows students to familiarize themselves with us and engage in meaningful conversations while also staying informed about new laws and community expectations," says Special Operations Lieutenant Charles Grubbs.

HPD collaborates with JMU annually to ensure students are well-informed about community resources, laws, and ordinances. The goal of the annual knock-and-talks is to enhance safety through education, and they have become an excellent opportunity to foster positive relationships.

HPD encourages students and Harrisonburg residents alike to download the Harrisonburg PD app powered by tip411. The app is designed to help residents connect with HPD, view community alerts, and submit anonymous tips from their smartphones. Those without a smartphone can share information with police by sending an anonymous text tip via their cell phone or by texting the keyword HPDVA and their message/tip to 847411 (tip411).

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.