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Harrisonburg Police Launch New tip411 Anonymous Tip System

HARRISONBURG, VA – July 16, 2024 – The Harrisonburg Police Department has launched tip411 and the **Harrisonburg PD mobile app** to help residents connect with the department, find information, view alerts, and submit anonymous tips from their smartphone or online.

Developed by <u>tip411</u>, the **Harrisonburg PD app** puts a powerful new tool into the hands of community members that allows them to play an active role in keeping their community safe. This new tool enables the public to share an anonymous tip with police and lets officers respond back to create a two-way conversation. The **Harrisonburg PD app** is available for free download via the Google Play Store, iTunes App Store, or on our website at www.harrisonburgva.gov/tip-411.

"I believe very strongly that a police department's success lies with its relationship to the community," said Harrisonburg Police Interim Chief Rod Pollard. "Our new tip411 system will allow us to continue delivering exceptional police services that enable the safety, security, and well-being of all by promoting a stronger partnership with our community members."

The **Harrisonburg PD app**, powered by tip411, will greatly improve the public's access to agency alerts, social media channels, important information, and more to help fight crime.

Those without a smartphone can share information with police by sending an anonymous text tip via their cell phone to police by texting the keyword **HPDVA** and their message/tip to **847411** (tip411). Anonymous web tips can also be submitted via the department's website at www.harrisonburgva.gov/tip-411.

Tip411 is not for emergencies, in case of an emergency, residents should always call 9-1-1 immediately. Additionally, residents can sign up to receive emergency notifications from the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Alert system at https://www.harrisonburgva.gov/emergency-alerts."